

Basic Guardian Ad Litem Training Agenda September 18, 2025 in Savannah, Georgia

9:00 - 9:45	Foundations of Effective GAL Work: Duties, Investigations, and Smart Strategies (Tips, Tricks & Basic Checklists)	Brandy Daswani Attorney/GAL
9:45 - 10:30	Best Interests vs. Child Advocacy: Balancing What the Child Wants with What the Child Needs	Erik Chambers Attorney/GAL
10:30 - 10:45	Break	Break
10:45 - 11:15	From Co-Parenting to Combat: Navigating High Conflict Custody Disputes	Amanda Love Attorney/GAL
11:15 - 11:45	Crisis? Or Just Tuesday? Recognizing Mental Health Concerns	Announcement coming soon
11:45 - 12:00	Break: <i>Collect Your Lunch and Return Promptly for the Panel Discussion</i>	Break
12:00 - 12:30	Lunch & Learn: Methods of performing child custody investigations/child elections/parent alienation	Panel of Guardians
12:30 - 12:45	Break: <i>Lunch Disposal & Restroom</i>	Break
12:45 - 1:15	Protecting the Child's Best Interests: Motions and Emergency Communications with the Court	Debra Finch Attorney/GAL
1:15 - 2:15	Walking the Line: GAL Ethics in Working with Families, Attorneys, and the Court Including Fee Collection and Pro Bono Expectations (Ethics Hour)	Richard Sanders Attorney/GAL
2:15 - 2:45	Uniform Superior Court Rule 24.9 Appointment, Qualification and Role of a GAL	Diane Woods Attorney/GAL
2:45 - 3:15	Beyond Bias: Understanding Culture and Class in Custody Litigation	Tori White Attorney/GAL
3:15 - 3:30	Break	Break
3:30 - 4:00	The Evidence Equation: What GALs Can (and Can't) Use	Announcement coming soon
4:00 - 4:30	Understanding Intimate Partner Abuse: Essential Knowledge for GALs	Steven Cayton Attorney/GAL
4:30 - 5:00	Testifying and Report Writing: Speaking Truth, Writing Clarity	Announcement coming soon

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