

27th Annual Robert E. Shepherd Jr. Youth Law and Education Conference
Mastering Effective Youth Representation in a Hostile Environment
*Co-Sponsored by the University of Richmond School of Law
and the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission*

Friday, May 12, 2023—Held Virtually from the University of Richmond School of Law
7 CLE credits pending, including 1.0 ethics credit/6.0 GAL credits and 2 mental disabilities advocacy credits

- 8:30 – 8:45 *Welcome*
Wendy Perdue, Dean, University of Richmond School of Law,
Prof. Julie E. McConnell, Director, UR Law Children's Defense Clinic
- 8:45 – 9:45 *New Challenges in a Shifting Landscape—We will hear from attorneys who have
successfully navigated some of the new laws and policies in youth court.*
- 9:45 – 10:45 *Using data in our advocacy for youth—motions to suppress, mitigation, plea
negotiations, etc.*
- 10:45 – 11:00 **Break**
- 11:00 – 12:00 *Effectively managing vicarious trauma.*
Allison Sampson-Dyer, Chief Executive Officer, Resilient Leaders, LLC
- 12:00 – 12:30 **Break: Grab your lunch and re-gather on Zoom for the next presentation.**
- 12:30 – 1:30 *2022-2023 Legislative and Case Law Update*
Amy Woolard, Staff Attorney, ACLU of Virginia
Julie McConnell, Director, UR Children's Defense Clinic
- 1:30 – 1:40 **Break**
- 1:40 – 2:40 *Using an expert to help explain the role of trauma in delinquent behavior.*
Monique Laguerre, LCSW, a trauma specialist
- 2:40 – 2:50 **Break**
- 2:50 – 3:50 *Breaking down the IEP/504 plan—A primer on understanding the testing behind an
IEP, the relevance of accommodations, what is Triennial testing, etc. How can we
use this information to help our clients?*
Norm Geller, PhD
Megan Thomas, City of Alexandria Public Defender
- 3:50 – 4:00 **Break**
- 4:00 – 5:00 *Ethics—A primer on mental health diagnoses, ADHD, and mood disorders,
medications, treatments, and diagnoses*
Dr. Lucy Guarnera from the Institute on Law, Psychiatry, and Public Policy