



WORKSHOP BOOKING FORM

PERMANENCE MATTERS FOR SOLICITORS

Getting to grips with legislation, case law and good practice in adoption and fostering

THEME

In the 8 years since the implementation of the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007, policy, practice and court judgements have informed the interpretation and application of the law. The need has never been greater for an effective legal presence in the formulation and delivery of local authority planning for permanence. This workshop explores and explains in detail the requirements placed on the local authority solicitor; through the use of plenary sessions, case scenarios, group working and discussion, delegates will develop an enhanced understanding of how to achieve effective and timely progress towards permanence. It will also promote the pivotal role of the local authority solicitor in achieving best outcomes for children and families.

The workshop will be led by Rhona Pollock, AFA Scotland Legal Consultant, solicitor, former reporter to the children's panel, former panel member trainer and current Panel Practice Advisor.

The workshop will look at:

- The Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007
- Various methods for achieving permanence
- Aspects of other relevant legislation, guidance and good practice
- Adoption Agencies (Scotland) Regulations 2009
- Looked After Children (Scotland) Regulations 2009
- The importance of collaborative working and how to support, inform and advise colleagues;
- Evidencing the application of appropriate thresholds at the various stages of state intervention in family life
- The interface with the Children's Hearing System
- Referring to research and theory when presenting in court
- Recent judgements and established case law from Scottish and English courts
- Practical considerations in preparing for Court
- Dealing with issues of contact

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Gain a greater understanding of the duties and responsibilities of practitioners in respect of permanence planning.
- Familiarisation with the process, the legislation and case law involved in permanence planning
- Preparing your case and witnesses for Court.
- Gaining confidence in referring to social work policy and practice, research and experience for the Court.
- Moving forward with the plans for permanence

Date: Thursday 7 December, 2017
Venue: (to be confirmed)
Cost: £110.00
Times: Registration: 9.30am
Start: 10.00am
Close: 4.00pm

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DELEGATE INFORMATION

Name: _____

Position: _____

Organisation: _____

Address: _____

_____ Post Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Dietary/Disability Access Requirements: _____

PAYMENT METHOD

Billing Address/invoice: _____

_____ Post Code: _____

Purchase Order Number: _____

Member rate £110.00 Non-Member rate £150.00

Individual rate £90.00

Please invoice: Remittance enclosed:

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CANCELLATION POLICY

After receipt of written confirmation of place allocated	25% of fee
Cancellation between two and four weeks prior to the date	50% of fee
Cancellation between one week and two weeks prior to the date	75% of fee
Cancellation within one week of the date	100% of fee

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