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Training and Speakers Bureau

The NACC Training and Speakers Bureau provides training faculty for children's law and advocacy programs. NACC trainers provide training for attorneys, guardians *ad litem* and law guardians, caseworkers, physicians and therapists, on a variety of topics including:

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- Delinquency Court Law and Practice
- Private Custody, Visitation and Adoption Law and Practice
- Civil Litigation Involving Children
- Federal and State Public Policy Advocacy
- Trial Skills (including evidentiary foundations and expert and child witness examination)
- Child Development
- Child Abuse and Neglect
- Witness Training

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Angela Adams is Chief Children's Court Attorney for the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department where she is responsible for civil prosecution of abuse, neglect and termination of parental rights actions in New Mexico. She is a frequent presenter at NACC conferences, has written numerous articles and has particular expertise in child welfare class action litigation. Ms. Adams serves on the NACC Board of Directors.

***Candace J. Barr, JD
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Candace Barr is a partner in the Minneapolis law firm Niemi & Barr. Ms. Barr has a law practice limited to juvenile and family law with an emphasis on guardian *ad litem* work. She is actively involved with children, both acting as their counsel in juvenile court and as a court-appointed guardian *ad litem* in family court. Ms. Barr has served as the Juvenile Law Committee Co-Chair of the Hennepin County Bar Association and the American Bar Association. She has also participated as a guest speaker on guardian *ad litem* panels for various continuing legal education programs, and has presented nationally on the role of the guardian *ad litem*. Ms. Barr serves on the NACC Board of Directors.

***Shay Bilchik, JD
Attorney and Executive Director, Child Welfare League of America, Washington, DC***

When Shay Bilchik became Executive Director of the Child Welfare League of America in February 2000, he assumed leadership of the nation's oldest and largest association of agencies that directly help abused, neglected, abandoned and otherwise vulnerable children and their families. CWLA has more than 1,100 public and private, voluntary member agencies nationwide. The Washington, DC-based organization has offices in Boston, Chicago, Denver and Los Angeles. Mr. Bilchik came to CWLA from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) in the U.S. Department of Justice. He was Administrator of OJJDP from 1994 – 2000, and prior to that, he served the Department of Justice as Associate Deputy Attorney General. With OJJDP, Mr. Bilchik managed a budget of more than \$550 million and a staff of 115. He focused on developing policies and a range of programs that supported efforts to reduce juvenile offending and victimization. These included community-based programs aimed at reducing child abuse, and special initiatives related to children exposed to violence, health care, nurse home visitations, truancy reduction, after school activities, mentoring, and community assessment centers. He emphasized the importance of coordinating federal efforts and implemented a number of jointly funded demonstration and research projects. Before coming to the nation's capital, Mr. Bilchik was an Assistant State Attorney for the 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida in Miami from 1977 – 1993, where he served as a trial lawyer, juvenile division chief and Chief Assistant for Administration. Mr. Bilchik has presented across the country, authored numerous articles on juvenile justice and delinquency prevention, and has been involved in drafting a number of juvenile justice and child abuse legislative proposals. He earned a B.S. degree and a J.D. degree from the University of Florida. Mr. Bilchik lives with his wife and two teenage children in Potomac, Maryland.

William G. Brooks, Jr., MD
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Dr. William Brooks is Attending Physician, Pediatric Emergency Care Center, Tampa General Hospital and University of South Florida College of Medicine. As a pediatric critical care and emergency physician, he has been deeply involved in child abuse issues and child advocacy at the local and state level in Tampa, Florida. He is the co-author of "The Critical Care Aspects of Child Abuse." His current interests include training doctors to testify in abuse and neglect cases.

Donald C. Bross, JD / Ph.D.
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Donald Bross is Director in Education for the Kempe Children's Center in Denver. He is also Professor in Pediatrics (Family Law) at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. Dr. Bross was co-founder and first President of the National Association of Counsel for Children in 1977. Dr. Bross has written extensively on numerous topics related to children's law and has been a frequent lecturer nationally and internationally. Dr. Bross speaks English and Spanish and serves on the NACC Board of Directors.

Donald N. Duquette, JD
Clinical Professor of Law and Director, Child Advocacy Law Clinic, University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, MI

Don Duquette is Clinical Professor of Law and Director of the Child Advocacy Law Clinic at the University of Michigan Law School where he has taught since 1976. In 1997-98, Don spent a sabbatical year in Washington, DC, assigned to the U.S. Children's Bureau where he drafted *Permanency for Children: Guidelines for Public Policy and State Legislation*, as part of President Clinton's Adoption 2002 Initiative on Adoption and Foster Care. He has written and taught extensively on interdisciplinary approaches to child welfare law and has published over 40 articles and book chapters on the subject of child protection, foster care and child advocacy. His book, *Advocating for the Child in Protection Proceedings* (1991) formed the conceptual framework for the first national evaluation of child representation, as mandated by the U.S. Congress. (*National Study of Guardian ad Litem Effectiveness*, by CSR Inc., 1994.). His is also the author of *Michigan Child Welfare Law*, published by the Michigan Family Independence Agency. In addition to his duties as Director of the Child Advocacy Law Clinic, Don served as co-director of the University of Michigan Interdisciplinary Project on Child Abuse and Neglect from 1976 to 86; Director of the Interdisciplinary Graduate Program on Child Abuse and Neglect from 1986-92; and Director of the Michigan Child Welfare Law Program, funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation as part of its Families for Kids Program, from 1995 to 1998. In 1999 he was elected to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Counsel for Children. Don has served on many task forces and commissions addressing children's needs in

Michigan courts, including the Chief Justice Coleman Commission on Permanency Planning, 1982-85, the Riley Supreme Court Probate Court Task Force, 1986-87, and as co-chair of the State Bar of Michigan's Children's Task Force, 1993-95. He serves on the Governor's Task Force on Children's Justice, appointed by Governor Engler each year since its creation in 1992. In 1996 the National Association of Counsel for Children gave Don their "Outstanding Legal Advocacy Award". In 1998 the North American Council on Adoptable Children awarded him their Adoption Activist Award for his work in advocating for children with special needs. He also received the 1998 Gerald G. Hicks Child Welfare Leadership Award from the Michigan Federation of Private Child and Family Agencies.

Robert C. Fellmeth, JD
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Robert Fellmeth is the Executive Director of Children's Advocacy Institute in California, an academic center and statewide law firm which advocates for children in the courts, legislature and agencies. Professor Fellmeth holds the Price Chair in Public Interest Law at the University of San Diego School of Law, teaches Child Rights and Remedies, directs a dependency court clinic representing abused children, and writes the annual California Children's Budget. His organization also publishes a Children's Regulatory Law Reporter monitoring agencies, a legislative report card, and impact litigation projects. An original "Nader Raider," Professor Fellmeth has served as a state and federal prosecutor and has devoted his career to public interest and child advocacy. He has written 14 books and treatises and numerous academic articles and popular opinion pieces in the major press. He serves on the Board of Directors of several organizations, including the NACC, chairs the board of Public Citizen Foundation in Washington D.C., and is counsel to the Board of the National Association of Child Advocates. Bob is a frequent presenter at NACC national conferences. Some of his work is accessible at www.acusd.edu/childrensissues.

Honorable Charles D. Gill
Superior Court Judge, Litchfield, CT

A Superior Court judge for the state of Connecticut, Charles Gill's work on behalf of children has made him a nationally recognized advocate for children's rights. In 1988, he co-founded the National Task Force for Children's Constitutional Rights. The goal of this child-advocacy organization is to have a constitutional amendment by the year 2000, giving children the right to live in a safe and healthy home and to be heard in court proceedings. Judge Gill has appeared before Congress and has spoken before the General Assembly of the United Nations where he was honored by the International Earth Day Committee. He provides expert commentary on CNN and has served as a consultant to many talk shows. He has lectured at leading universities, law schools and medical schools, medical associations, judicial conferences, and law enforcement training academies, including the FBI. Judge Gill is the recipient of many awards and commendations, including the U.S. Department of Justice's Annual Crime Victim's Award. He has written extensively on children's rights and has engendered several public television films concerning the treatment of children in courtrooms.

Gerard Glynn, JD/LLM
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Gerard Glynn is an Associate Professor of Law and Director of Clinical Programs at Barry University School of Law in Orlando, FL. Professor Glynn supervises the Attorney *ad litem* project which is the first state funded project for dependent children in Florida. Before joining the faculty at Barry University, he was the Director of Clinical Programs at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Law, and a clinical instructor at Florida State University School of Law. His areas of expertise include domestic relations and juvenile law. Mr. Glynn serves on the NACC Board of Directors.

Seth A. Grob, JD
Private Attorney, Evergreen, CO

Seth A. Grob is in private practice in Evergreen, Colorado. He specializes in adoption and child welfare matters. Prior to moving to private practice, Seth worked for seven years at the Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center in Denver, Colorado. During this time, he served as the Assistant Director of the Child Advocacy Law Clinic at the

University of Denver College of Law. Between 1995-1997, Seth directed Governor Roy Romer's statewide initiative "Bright Beginnings" which focused attention on improving the lives of children in Colorado during their most critical period of development--birth to three. Seth actively participates on a national and state level through his association and membership with the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys, National Association of Counsel for Children, the Colorado Bar, the Juvenile Law Forum of the Colorado Bar, and the Family Law Section of the Colorado Bar. Seth is the recipient of several awards for his work on behalf of children, including in 1996, the National Association of Counsel for Children's, "Outstanding Legal Advocacy Award."

Ann M. Haralambie, JD
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Ann Haralambie is a certified family law specialist in private practice in Tucson, Arizona. Her practice is restricted to family and juvenile cases, with an emphasis on custody and child abuse. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and the American Orthopsychiatric Association, former president of the NACC and charter life member of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children. She founded and serves as president of the Arizona Association of Counsel for Children. In addition to her busy trial practice, Ms. Haralambie speaks nationally to attorneys and multidisciplinary audiences and has authored many articles in the areas of custody and child abuse. She has written *The Child's Attorney*, published by the American Bar Association's Family Law Section, and *Handling Child Custody, Abuse and Adoption Cases 2E*, published by Shepard's/McGraw-Hill. In 1999 she published *Child Sexual Abuse in Civil Cases: A Guide to Custody and Tort Actions*. Ms. Haralambie is passionate about protecting children through the legal process and fostering multidisciplinary cooperation to serve the needs of children. Ms. Haralambie serves on the NACC Board of Directors.

Jack D. Hogan, MSW
Caseworker and President of the Jack Hogan Charitable Foundation, Denver, CO

Jack Hogan is the President of the Jack Hogan Charitable Foundation since November of 1978. As the Foundation's President and Executive Director he is responsible for handling the Foundation's day to day activities. He also manages the investment assets of the foundation. The Foundation has an established priority of funding organizations which treat problems relating to at risk children living in the Denver area. Over the past seven years the Foundation has been involved in the pursuit of legal options that would attempt to develop systemic changes to improve the lives of children. Mr. Hogan has been a securities trader, broker and money manager. In 1997, Mr. Hogan received his MSW degree from the University of Denver and is currently a co-therapist working with children who have had major trauma in their lives and are being or have been adopted.

Katherine S. Holliday, JD
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Katherine Holliday is an attorney with James, McElroy & Diehl, PA. Previously, she was Executive Director of the Children's Law Center in Charlotte, North Carolina. She was a high school teacher and guidance counselor for seven years prior to attending law school. She represented children in juvenile court for three years while she was in private practice and, in 1984, she became the attorney advocate for the guardian *ad litem* program in Charlotte. In 1987, she and others began the Children's Law Center to provide comprehensive representation to children in all forums in which they come in contact with the judicial system. She has presented at numerous state and national conferences on topics related to children's law. Ms. Holliday serves on the NACC Board of Directors.

David R. Katner, JD
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David Katner is Professor of Clinical Law at Tulane Law School and is the Supervising Attorney of the Juvenile Clinic. He has had an active law practice in criminal, civil and juvenile matters. Previous to joining the faculty at Tulane, Mr. Katner was a partner in a New Orleans law firm. He has also served as a Judge ad hoc in the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court. Mr. Katner has been active on many professional and community boards. He serves on the NACC Board of Directors, and lectures extensively on issues of ethics.

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***Honorable Patricia A. Macias
Associate Judge, Child Welfare Court, El Paso, TX***

Patricia A. Macias is the Associate Judge of the 65th Judicial District Court, a designated "model court" by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. She holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from the university of Texas at El Paso, a master's degree in Early Childhood Development from the University of Oregon, where she completed course work requirements toward her doctorate in the same field with an emphasis in Child and Family Therapy, and a Juris Doctorate from St. Mary's University School of Law. Judge Macias serves on several professional and community boards including the National Association of Council for Children, El Paso Bar Association, United Way, Hispanic Leadership Institute and the Paso del Norte Health Foundation. She is a frequent keynote speaker and conference presenter and most enjoys speaking to youth about self-development. She is the recipient of numerous awards and recognition including "Judge of the Year" by the Texas State Foster Parents Association. Judge Macias is married to author Benjamin Alire Saenz and is mother to Gabriela, soon to graduate from Cornell University.

***Kathleen McCaffrey
Managing Attorney, Massachusetts Committee for Public Counsel Services
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Kathleen McCaffrey is a managing attorney for the Children and Family Law Program, a division of the Massachusetts Committee for Public Counsel Services. In addition to providing legal representation to children and parents in dependency cases, she is responsible for all office operations, supervision, and training. She is a regular faculty member of the biannual statewide child welfare trial skills certification program and has lectured at numerous training programs including at the Children's Justice Act Conference, the Massachusetts Child Welfare Conference, Massachusetts Families for Kids Mediation Project, and Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education seminars.

***Philip (Jay) McCarthy, Jr. JD
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Jay McCarthy is a partner in the law firm of Hufford, Horstman, McCullough, Mongini and McCarthy in Flagstaff, AZ. Mr. McCarthy is a graduate of Northern Arizona University and received his law degree from Creighton University. He is licensed to practice in Arizona, Alaska, Missouri and Nebraska. Mr. McCarthy is a former member of the NACC Board of Directors and is involved in numerous local civic organizations. Prior to moving to Flagstaff, Mr. McCarthy was deputy director of the State of Alaska Office of Public Advocacy wherein he primarily represented children in dependency, adoption and domestic relations cases. Throughout his legal career, Mr. McCarthy's primary area of emphasis has been family law and juvenile law. In addition to state court appellate decisions, Mr. McCarthy participated on behalf of the NACC before the US Supreme Court in the case *Maryland v. Craig* regarding the constitutionality of child witness protection laws.

***John E.B. Myers, JD
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John Myers is a Professor of Law at the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento, California. He is nationally recognized as an expert on investigation and litigation of child abuse and neglect. Professor Myers is the author of numerous books and articles discussing evidentiary and constitutional issues in child abuse litigation. His writing has been cited by more than 140 courts, including the United States Supreme Court and numerous federal and state courts. In addition to his writing, he is a regular speaker at conferences for

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Henry J. Plum, JD
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Henry Plum is a nationally recognized speaker and educator in the field of child abuse and neglect. As a former Assistant District Attorney in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, he has extensive experience as a prosecutor in areas of child abuse and neglect, termination of parental rights, and child-related litigation. He currently is in private practice and serves as a special prosecutor and legal consultant in child-related litigation. Mr. Plum is also an instructor for the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, School of Social Welfare, Criminal Justice Department, and has developed numerous training programs for juvenile justice and human service personnel. His interests include child abuse investigation, case building, courtroom testimony for the expert and lay witness, and other related areas. Mr. Plum is the author of several books and publications in his areas of expertise and is a regular NACC lecturer. He serves on the NACC Board of Directors.

Colene Flynn Robinson, JD
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Colene Flynn Robinson represents children and parents in child abuse and neglect and delinquency cases. Prior to starting her own practice, she was the senior the staff attorney for the National Association of Counsel for Children. Prior to going to law school, Ms. Robinson worked for years with homeless teens, pregnant and parenting youth, and mentally ill children in residential settings. Ms. Robinson was then chosen as one of 10 national Civitas Childlaw Scholars. She completed her law school education in a specialized program for child advocates. Following a state supreme court clerkship, Ms. Robinson joined the New York City Legal Aid Society's Juvenile Rights Division (JRD). Established in 1877, the Legal Aid Society's JRD is one of the country's oldest and best children's rights programs, representing more than 40,000 children yearly. Ms. Robinson represented children in dependency, status offense, voluntary placement, and delinquency cases in trial and appellate proceedings, and before the Board of Education. While at the NACC, Ms. Robinson directed the NACC Resource Center, answering questions on issues of child welfare in state and federal systems nationwide, and ran several programs. Ms. Robinson is also an attorney consultant to the Kempe Children's Center State and Regional Crimes Against Children Team. She was on the editorial staff of the *Children's Legal Rights Journal*, *The Guardian*, the newsletter of the NACC, and the NACC Annual *Children's Law Manual*. Ms. Robinson is licensed to practice in California, New York and Colorado.

Jennifer Rodriguez,
Law student and former foster youth
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Jennifer Rodriguez is a law student at the University of California Davis School of Law. She is a former foster youth who also serves as Legislative and Policy Coordinator for California Youth Connection, an advocacy/youth leadership organization for current and former foster youth who work to improve foster care, educate the public and police makers about their unique needs, and to change the negative stereotypes many people have of them. She has served on the NACC Program Committee and as faculty at the NACC National Children's Law Conference. Ms. Rodriguez joined the NACC Board as a Youth Representative.

Miriam A. Rollin, JD
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Miriam Rollin serves as the NACC Policy Representative and as Policy Staff for the National Network for Youth. Previously, she served as Vice-President for Policy and Program on staff of the National Association of Child Advocates, an association of state and community-based children's policy advocacy groups. Ms. Rollin also served as a researcher at the ABA Center on Children and the Law, was an attorney and guardian *ad litem* for children in Washington, D.C. and Maryland, prosecuted child abuse and delinquency cases in New York, and served as a federal children's policy advocate for national associations. Ms. Rollin serves on the NACC Board of Directors.

She is the author of the Legislative Update column for *The Guardian* as well as the NACC's *Guide to Children's Policy Advocacy*.

Shane Salter
Chief of Staff to the Deputy Mayor, Washington DC

Shane Salter is the Chief of Staff to the Deputy Mayor of Washington DC and serves on the NACC Board of Directors. He was previously the Director of Foundation Giving at the Freddie Mac Foundation, where he directed the foundation's nearly \$20 million grantmaking program dedicated to brightening the future of children, youth and families at risk. Mr. Salter has presented at numerous state and national conferences on topics related to children in the foster care system. Mr. Salter was previously the National Director of the Marriott Foundation For People with Disabilities and served as the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of For the Love of Children (FLOC), where he successfully lead a full-scale restructuring of all agency programs and operating systems while providing programmatic oversight for foster care, neighborhood tutoring, youth development, transitional housing and an alternative school for severely emotionally disabled students. He also served as a project director for Children's Hospital as well as vice president on the Board of Directors for Creating Opportunities for Parent Empowerment (COPE). Mr. Salter is a former foster child and advocate for finding a permanent home for every child.

Janet Sherwood, JD
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Janet Sherwood has a private law practice, where she represents children and foster parents and de facto parents in juvenile dependency, adoption, and related child custody matters. She also handles appellate court matters on juvenile dependency issues. Previously, she was Deputy Attorney General for the Sacramento and San Francisco offices of the State's Attorney General, and was also staff counsel for the State Department of Social Services. She is also President of Advokids, a Resource for Children and their Advocates, and Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Family Law Center in San Rafael, CA. Ms. Sherwood has spoken and written extensively on issues in child dependency.

John H. Stuemky, MD
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John Stuemky is Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Chief of the Section of General Pediatrics within the Department of Pediatrics of the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine. He also serves as Medical Director of Ambulatory Care and Emergency Services for Children's Hospital of Oklahoma (CHO), the only children's hospital in the state. He is Chairman of the Child Protection Team at CHO, co-Chair of the Juvenile Justice Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect, a member of the Oklahoma State Medical Association's Child Abuse and Neglect Task Force, the Oklahoma Child Death Review Board, and a member of APSAC. As Chairman of the Child Protection Team, he coordinates and directs the staffing and evaluation of approximately 1000-1200 patients per year referred to or seen by the Child Protection Team of CHO. Dr. Stuemky has presented numerous times on child abuse and neglect, provided court testimony in many complicated cases, and is a faculty member of the Interdisciplinary Graduate Training Program (ITP) on child abuse and neglect, a component of the Center for Child Abuse and Neglect located at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine and the CHO. He also works closely with referring physicians from throughout the state in the areas of Emergency and General Pediatrics, including the pre-hospital care of the acutely ill and injured child (Emergency Medical Services for Children or EMS-C). Dr. Stuemky serves on the NACC Board of Directors.

Marvin R. Ventrell, JD
Attorney and NACC Executive Director

Marvin Ventrell is an attorney and Executive Director of the National Association of Counsel for Children in Denver, Colorado. The NACC, founded in 1977, is a nonprofit professional membership association of children's attorneys and other child advocates dedicated to high quality legal representation of children. The NACC is a recipient of the *Meritorious Service to the Children of America Award* presented by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Previously, Mr. Ventrell was engaged in the private practice of law where he represented

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