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## **Second Annual Child Protective Defense Conference**

*March 31-April 2, 2025*

*Hosted by PDS*

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### Agenda for Monday, March 31, 2025

8:00AM-8:30AM	<b>Registration</b>
8:30AM-9:45AM	<b>Legal Background of the Harmful Child Protective System &amp; What Family Defenders Can Do About It (Part I)</b> <i>Diane Redleaf, Esq.</i>
9:45AM-10:00AM	<b>Break</b>
10:00AM-11:00AM	<b>Legal Background of the Harmful Child Protective System &amp; What Family Defenders Can Do About It (Part II)</b> <i>Diane Redleaf, Esq.</i>
11:00AM-12:15PM	<b>Best Practices in FTMs</b> <i>Molly Owens, Chief, Parents Counsel Division</i> <i>Brittany Sawyer, Esq.</i> <i>Elizabeth Shardlow, Esq.</i> <i>Ashley Perry, Esq.</i>
12:15PM-1:15PM	<b>Lunch</b>
1:15PM-2:15PM	<b>Rethinking Reunification Plans</b> <i>Molly Owens, Chief, Parents Counsel Division</i>
2:15PM-3:15PM	<b>What Criminal Defense Attorneys Want Parents Attorneys to Know: The PC/CR Cross-Over</b> <i>Justin Andrus, PDS Resource Counsel</i>
3:15PM-3:30PM	<b>Break</b>
3:30PM-4:30PM	<b>Vicarious Trauma: an Occupational Hazard</b> <i>Julia Teitel, Director, MAP</i>



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### Agenda for Tuesday, April 1, 2025

8:00AM-8:30AM	<b>Registration</b>
8:30AM-9:30AM	<b>Reasonable Efforts</b> <i>Vivek Sankaran, Esq.</i>
9:30AM-10:45AM	<b>Topics in Family Defense &amp; Client Representation</b> <i>Diane Redleaf, Esq.</i>
10:45AM-11:00AM	<b>Break</b>
11:00AM-12:15PM	<b>Facilitated Breakouts: Family Defense &amp; Client Representation</b> <i>Diane Redleaf, Esq.</i>
12:15PM-1:15PM	<b>Lunch</b>
1:15PM-2:45PM	<b>Best Practices for CACs &amp; Cross-Examining Caseworkers</b> <i>Laurie Shanks, Esq.</i>
2:45PM-3:00PM	<b>Break</b>
3:00PM-4:00PM	<b>Advocacy Where Co-Parenting is the Right Outcome in Cases Where Domestic Violence is Identified</b> <i>Taylor Kilgore, PDS Resource Counsel</i> <i>Andrea Mancuso, Public Policy Director, MCEDV</i>
4:00PM-4:45PM	<b>Westlaw</b> <i>Joseph Amos, Westlaw</i>



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### Agenda for Wednesday, April 2, 2025

8:00AM-8:30AM	<b>Registration</b>
8:30AM-10:00AM	<b>60(b)(6), IAC, &amp; the Appellate Process: A Case Study, Part I</b> <i>Taylor Kilgore, PDS Resource Counsel</i> <i>Ashley Perry, Esq.</i> <i>Julian Richter, PDS Resource Counsel</i>
10:00AM-10:15AM	<b>Break</b>
10:15AM-11:45AM	<b>60(b)(6), IAC, &amp; the Appellate Process: A Case Study, Part 2</b> <i>Taylor Kilgore, PDS Resource Counsel</i> <i>Ashley Perry, Esq.</i> <i>Julian Richter, PDS Resource Counsel</i>
11:45AM-12:45PM	<b>Lunch</b>
12:45PM-1:45PM	<b>DHHS' Obligations Post-Barni A.</b> <i>Taylor Kilgore, PDS Resource Counsel</i> <i>Ashley Perry, Esq.</i> <i>Julian Richter, PDS Resource Counsel</i>
1:45PM-2:00PM	<b>Break</b>
2:00PM-3:30PM	<b>The Junk Drawer</b> <i>Taylor Kilgore, PDS Resource Counsel</i> <i>Molly Owens, Chief, Parents Counsel Division</i> <i>Julian Richter, PDS Resource Counsel</i>