



Parent Defense Conference

October 23, 2026

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Agenda for Friday, October 23, 2026

8:00AM-8:30AM

Registration

8:30AM-9:30AM

Impact Litigation Trends

*Molly Owens, District Defender, Parent Defense Division,
Maine Commission on Public Defense Services
Chelsea Peters, Parent Defender, Parent Defense Division,
Maine Commission on Public Defense Services*

9:30AM-9:45AM

Break

9:45AM-11:15AM

Litigating the Harm of Removal: Nuts and Bolts

*Molly Owens, District Defender, Parent Defense Division,
Maine Commission on Public Defense Services
Chelsea Peters, Parent Defender, Parent Defense Division,
Maine Commission on Public Defense Services
Gregg Butler, Supervision Attorney, Family Defense Practice,
The Bronx Defender
Allie Goodman, Training Associate Director, Family Defense
Practice, The Bronx Defender*

11:15AM-12:15PM

PC Specific Immigration

Shannon McKinnon, Esq.

12:15PM-1:15PM

Lunch

1:15PM-2:15PM

Two Systems, One Client: When Criminal and Parent Defense Intersect

*Molly Owens, District Defender, Parent Defense Division,
Maine Commission on Public Defense Services
Emily Genzlinger, Assistant Defender I, Aroostook Public
Defender*

2:15PM-2:30PM

Break



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2:30PM-3:30PM

Appellate Case Updates

Taylor Kilgore, Esq., Kilgore Law, PLLC

Allison Kuhns, Esq., Law Office of Allison Muir Kuhns, LLC

Katelyn Saner, Esq., Saner & Brown PLLC

3:30PM-4:30PM

The Bulletproof Voucher: Rules, Deadlines, and Defensible Timekeeping (Ethics)

Steve Brochu, Esq., Audit Director, Maine Commission on Public Defense Services

Tracy Jacques, Esq., Audit Counsel, Maine Commission on Public Defense Services

Chloe Grant, Office Specialist II, Audit, Maine Commission on Public Defense Services