

# **Juvenile Law in the 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial District**

Sponsored by the N.C. Office of the Parent Defender

Duplin County Courthouse

October 25, 2024

## **AGENDA**

9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

### **What's New and What's the Same in Parent Defense**

- Grandparents' role in A/N/D and TPR cases
- \$ for unlicensed relative caretakers
- Safe Babies Court
- Right to counsel
- Rule 17 GALs for parents

*Wendy C. Sotolongo, Parent Defender*

10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

### **Preventing Ineffective Assistance of Counsel Claims**

- Right to counsel = right to effective counsel
- Procedural due process rights
- Client contact: when and how much is enough?
- Is it ever acceptable to not attend a hearing?
- How to avoid an IAC claim

*Annick Lenoir-Peek, Deputy Parent Defender*

11:15 – 11:30 a.m.

### **Break**

11:30 – 12:30 p.m.

### **Updates to Raise the Age/House Bill 834**

*Eric Zogry, Juvenile Defender*

12:30 p.m.

### **Lunch**

Hosted by Niccoya Dobson, Chief Public Defender,  
5<sup>th</sup> District Public Defender's Office (Duplin/Jones/Sampson)