

PROBATE COURT OF MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA
APPOINTED LAWYER TRAINING SEMINAR
205 GOVERNMENT STREET
GOVERNMENT PLAZA AUDITORIUM
MOBILE, ALABAMA
January 15, 2021

9:00 a.m.	Opening Remarks - Welcome	Don Davis Judge of Probate
9:05 a.m.	Obtaining access to Court's Benchmark/Landmark computer programs and Court's Internet web site	Miranda Phelps
9:25 a.m.	Practice tips regarding compensation for appointed lawyers	
	A. All probate matters except mental health cases	Ginger D. Bedsole, Esq.
	B. Involuntary commitment causes	Renee Clark/Jennifer Fulton
9:40 a.m.	Obtaining medical records	
	A. From medical professionals (not AHS)	W. Rushing Payne, Jr., Esq.
	B. Involuntary commitment causes from AltaPointe Health Systems, Inc.	Mr. Kartik Joshi
10:00 a.m.	Duties of Guardians ad Litem, Administrators ad Litem and Court Representatives	C. Mark Erwin, Esq.
10:20 a.m.	BREAK	
10:30 a.m.	Ethical Considerations for Guardians ad Litem	Robert E. Lusk, Jr., Esq.
11:00 a.m.	Key aspects of service of process on parties in interest, Key civil procedure rules to note in probate cases, Key evidentiary rules to note in probate cases, How to admit a document into evidence, Key points an appointed lawyers should note in hearings where wills being offered for probate, Key points an appointed lawyer should note where lost wills are being offered for probate, what is a self-proved will	Duane A. Graham, Esq.
11:45 a.m.	LUNCH BREAK	

1:00 p.m.	Practical tips for Guardians ad Litem and Advocates in involuntary commitment cases	Steven Sciple, Esq. Chris Estes, Esq.
1:30 p.m.	Key points concerning mental illness that lawyers should know relating to involuntary commitment cases	Lori Lowthert, M.D. Luke Engeriser, M.D.
2:30 p.m.	Qualification and examination of a medical expert witness	Brenda J. Pierce, Esq. D. Brian Murphy, Esq. Lori Lowthert, M.D.
3:15 p.m.	BREAK	
3:25 p.m.	Court's Expectations Of Appointed Lawyers	Don Davis
4:00 p.m.	Questions and Answers	Don Davis
4:30 p.m.	Adjournment	