

PROBATE COURT OF MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA
APPOINTED LAWYER TRAINING SEMINAR
COURTROOM NUMBER 1, THIRD FLOOR
MOBILE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ANNEX
MOBILE, AL

December 19, 2024

AGENDA

9:00 a.m.	Opening Remarks - Welcome	Mark Erwin, Esq. Chief Clerk
9:05 a.m.	Obtaining Access To Court's Benchmark-Landmark Computer Programs and the Court's Website - Tips On How To Monitor Pending Cases In Judicial Division	Miranda Phelps, IT Director
9:30 a.m.	Practice Tips Regarding Compensation For Appointed Lawyers	Melissa King, Esq., Chief Deputy Clerk Renee Jerkins, Financial Administrator
	General Points	Melissa King, Esq.
	Other Matters (except in mental health cases)	Renee Jerkins
	Mental Health Involuntary Commitment Cases	Renee Jerkins
9:45 a.m.	Practice Tips For AAL/GALs In Conservatorship Settlement Proceedings	Greg Carwie, Esq. General Conservator of Mobile County
10:00 a.m.	Duties Of AAL/GALs and Court Representatives; Practice Tips For AAL/GALs and Court Representatives	Michael Ballard, Esq.
10:30 a.m.	BREAK	
10:45 a.m.	Key Aspects of Service of Process on Parties In Interest; Key Alabama 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 Appointed Lawyers Should Note Regarding Hearings Where Wills Being Offered For Probate, Where A Lost	Duane A. Graham, Esq.

Will Being Admitted For Probate; What Is A Self-Proved Will

- 11:45 a.m. LUNCH BREAK
- 1:00 p.m. Key Points Concerning Mental Illness That Lawyers Should Know Relating To Involuntary Commitment Cases Luke Engeriser, M.D.
Deputy Medical Officer
AltaPointe Health Systems,
Inc.
- 2:00 p.m. Ethical Considerations For Guardians Ad Litem Representation Of Client With Diminished Mental Capacity Roman Shaul, Esq., General
Counsel, Alabama State Bar
- 3:00 p.m. BREAK
- 3:15 p.m. Practice Tips for Guardians Ad Litem And Advocates In Mental Health Commitment Cases Lisa Dean, Esq.
Annette Carwie, Esq.
- 3:45 p.m. Obtaining and Reviewing Medical Records In Mental Health Cases Martin Poynter, Esq.
- 4:00 p.m. Qualification and Examination Of A Medical Expert Witness Brenda Pierce, Esq.
- Witness' Personal Credentials (to support being deemed an expert witness)
Hearsay Evidence Rule - Business Records Exception
- 4:15 p.m. Court's Expectations Of Appointed Lawyers Questions And Answers, And Tips From the Clerk's Office Mark Erwin, Esq. Chief Clerk
- 4:30 p.m. Adjournment