

**THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY
DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION
GAL/CR/AFC Program**

All 2025 seminars are held via Zoom from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of the month unless otherwise indicated. **All GAL/CR/AFC shall attend four (4) seminars per year to remain on the approved GAL/CR/AFC list.** In addition, the Division is an accredited Illinois MCLE provider.

February 19, 2025 — Bennett Leventhal

March 19, 2025 — Accessing Children's Records

- Russell Reid, Attorney-at-Law
 - Lauren Coppinger, Attorney-at-Law
 - Joseph Monahan, Attorney-at-Law
 - John Whitcomb, Attorney-at-Law
 - Matt Davison, Attorney-at-Law
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April 23, 2025 — Drafting Culturally Sensitive Recommendations for an Allocation of Parental Responsibilities Judgment

- Paul Chawla, Attorney-at-Law
 - Jennifer Lavin, Attorney-at-Law
 - Mervate Mohammad, Attorney-at-Law
 - Helena Trachtenberg, Attorney-at-Law
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May 21, 2025 — 604.10(b) Evaluation & 215 Examination: Are They Appropriate for Your Case?

- Dr. Phyllis Amabile
 - Hon. Matthew Jannusch
 - Hon. Pamela Loza
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June 18, 2025 — GAL Mock Trial & Trial Preparation Panel ** Please Note the Seminar will be IN PERSON in 1905

- Hon. Lori Rosen
 - Kathryn Mickelson, Attorney-at-Law
 - Jared Pinkus, Attorney-at-Law
 - Anita Ventrelli, Attorney-at-Law
 - Stuart Gelfman, Attorney-at-Law
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July 23, 2025 — Trial Preparation for Child Representatives

- Agnes Olechno, Attorney-at-Law
 - David Levy, Attorney-at-Law
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August 20, 2025 — Teen Rights! Teens Pushing Back

- Hon. Karen Bowes
 - Joseph Monahan, Attorney-at-Law *or attorney from his office
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September 17, 2025 — Best Practices: Working with Children with Special Needs

- Hon. Abbey Romanek
 - David Sternfield, Attorney-at-Law
 - Dr. Patricia Lazuka
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October 22, 2025 — Best Practices: Navigating Overzealous Advocates

- Erika Harold, Attorney-at-Law
 - Presiding Judge Regina Scannicchio
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November 19, 2025 — Children of Divorce Speak Out **Please Note the Seminar will be IN PERSON in 1905

- Dr. Gail Grossman
- Stuart Gelfman, Attorney-at-Law