12th Annual Wells Conference on Adoption Law

Thursday, March 10, 2016
Capital University Law School

Sponsored by
Capital University Law Review and the Family and Youth Law Center

8:30 – 9:00 am
REGISTRATION

9:00 – 9:15 am
WELCOME
Room A121-A122
Capital University Law School Interim Dean Rachel Janutis;
Capital University Law Review Editor-in-Chief Caitlin Schultz
FYLaw Executive Director Denise St. Clair

9:15 – 11:00 am
WELLS LECTURE
Room A121-A122
Developmental Equality:
Strategies to Dismantle Children's Inequalities
Nancy E. Dowd
Professor and David H. Levin Chair in Family Law
University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law

10:45 – 11:00
BREAK

11:00 - 12:45
CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS

A. How Reasonable Efforts Lead to Emotional and Legal Permanency
Room 229
Kelly Lynn Beck
Attorney, Senior Permanency Trainer and Consultant,
National Institute for Permanent Family Connectedness,
Seneca Family of Agencies
Bob Friend
Director, National Institute for Permanent Family
Connectedness, Seneca Family of Agencies
B. Expanding Permanency Options for Youth in Foster Care  
Room 208  
LaShanda Taylor Adams  
Associate Professor  
University of the District of Columbia  
David A. Clarke School of Law

12:45 – 2:00  
LUNCH PRESENTATION  
Room A121-A122  
Ohio Permanency Roundtables: Permanency in Action  
Judge Terre L. Vandervoort  
Fairfield County, Ohio, Juvenile/Probate Court

2:00-2:15  
BREAK

2:15-4:00  
CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS

A. Permanency for Youth in Child Welfare Systems  
Room 229  
Linda Britton, Esq.  
Director, Commission on Youth at Risk  
American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law  
Melissa Lindsay, Staff Attorney  
Family and Youth Law Center

B. Finding Permanency for Youth In Foster Care  
Room 208  
Anastasia Cowan  
Mental Health Attorney on the Children’s Defense Team,  
Council for Children’s Rights

C. The Umbilical Cord that Binds: Cross-Cultural Examination  
of the Politics of Achieving Effective Permanency and  
Adoption Policies  
Room 241  
Crystal L. Welch  
Attorney and Adjunct Professor of Law  
Adoption and Legal Clinic of Mississippi College of Law  
Department of Children and Family’s Law Center

Reception immediately following Conference  
Capital University Law School, Rear Lobby