The 12th Annual Wells Conference on Adoption Law

Thursday, March 10, 2016
Capital University Law School

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AGENDA

8:30 – 9:00 am  REGISTRATION

9:00 – 9:15 am  WELCOME
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

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
Kelly Lynn Beck
Attorney, Senior Permanency Trainer and Consultant for
the 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**  
**LaShanda Taylor Adams**  
Associate Professor  
University of the District of Columbia  
David A. Clarke School of Law

### 12:45 – 2:00  
**LUNCH PRESENTATION**

*Ohio Permanency Roundtables: Permanency in Action*

### 2:00-2:15  
**BREAK**

### 2:15-4:00  
**CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**A. Permanency Law and Policy for Children and Youth in Child Welfare Systems**  
American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law

**B. Finding Permanency for Youth In Foster Care**  
**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**  
**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