



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***