

## YORKSHIRE & HUMBER LEGAL GROUP CONFERENCE

### **Are We Going Backwards or Forwards? Planning for Permanence 3 Years On**

**Friday 5 December 2008**

**9.30am – 4.30pm**

#### **Theme**

Implementation of the Adoption and Children Act 2002, regulations and statutory guidance, other legal developments since 2005, and the practice implications for children needing permanence in new families or kinship care;

Topics covered will include:

- How have Courts interpreted the law? High Court and Court of Appeal judgements – placement and adoption orders, special guardianship, financial support and contact.
- Has ACA2002 achieved its central objective of making adoption more achievable for more looked after children, with less delay?
- What impact has special guardianship had on adoption by kinship carers?
- How have the changes in public funding and CAFCASS practice impacted on the representation of looked after children?
- What is more common, contact orders or agreements, in adoption and special guardianship placements?
- The impact of the Public Law Outline.

#### **Speakers**

An overview of case law since 30.12.05  
A view from the bench

Alexandra Conroy-Harris, *Legal Consultant, BAAF*  
His Honour Judge T. Walsh,  
*Leeds Combined Court*

The Children Representative  
The local authority perspective

Nigel Bowman, *Children Panel Solicitor*  
LA Lawyer & Adoption Manager

The CAFCASS perspective

To be announced  
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There will also be an opportunity for discussion around a number of case studies

#### **CPD accredited – 4.5 points.**

Solicitors will be asked to sign a register and should bring their roll number.

#### **Who should attend**

Adoption panel members; legal advisers; Independent Reviewing Officers; Independent Chairs of adoption panels; panel advisers; children & families team managers; family placement workers; children's social workers; Children's Guardians and solicitors on the Children Panel.

#### **Venue:**

**Wheeler Hall (previously known as The Cathedral Hall) within St Anne's  
RC Cathedral, St Anne's Street off Great George Street, Leeds, LS2 8BE**

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**Registration Form**

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Please reserve ..... place(s) at the conference.

**Please tick appropriate boxes.**

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- BAAF Member rate £115.00 (+ VAT £120.13) Total: £135.13  
BAAF membership number: .....
- Registered Charities (with turnover under £1m) £90.00 (+ VAT £15.75) Total: £105.75
- Non-member rate £140.00 (+ VAT £24.50) Total: £164.50

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**Closing date for applications: Friday 21 November 2008**

**Substitutions and cancellations**

Substitutions are welcome at any time. BAAF reserves the right to levy the following charges in the event of a cancellation: more than 4 weeks prior to the event – 25% of fee; between 2 and 4 weeks – 50% of fee; less than 2 weeks – 100% of fee.

**Please return form to:**

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