

**Adoption Law School in The Mountains
April 2-4, 2025 Adoption Focus
and
April 15-17, 2026 Involuntary TPR Focus**
Sevierville Civic Center
120 Gary R Wade Blvd, Sevierville, TN 37862
Wednesday-Friday, 5 one-hour periods per day
15 hours CLE. (12 General / 3 Dual)
CLASS SCHEDULE

**April 2-4, 2025 Adoption Law School in The Mountains
Focus: Adoption and Voluntary Termination of Parental
Rights**

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

9:00-9:30 AM	Registration and Community Breakfast
9:30 AM-10:30 AM	First Period: Ethics 101 : Community: a tool to increase effectiveness and joy.
10:30 AM-11:30 AM	Second Period: Materials and resources, what is adoption, who may adopt and be adopted, social, political, and psychological issues in adoption.
11:30-11:45 AM	Break
11:45 AM-12:45 PM	Third Period: Necessary parties, Constitutional rights, due process
12:45 PM – 1:45 PM	Community Lunch - Provided
1:45 PM – 2:45 PM	Fourth Period: Voluntary TPRs
2:45 PM – 3:45 PM	Fifth Period: Open adoption, settlement, and micro coverage of involuntary

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4:00 PM-5:00 PM **COMMUNITY HAPPY HOUR – Local Bar/Restaurant**

Thursday, April 3, 2025

- 9:00 AM-10:00 AM First Period **Phys. Ed. Ethics 102**: Movement & Stillness
- 10:00-10:30 AM Community Breakfast
- 10:30 AM-11:30 AM Second Period: Petition to adopt, requirements, HS and supervision, jurisdiction, venue, service, and default.
- 11:30-11:45 AM Break
- 11:45 AM-12:45 PM Third Period: Stepparent and relative adoption.
- 12:45 PM – 1:45 PM Lunch- go out or order in. Community space and beverages provided.
- 1:45 PM – 2:45 PM Fourth Period: Finalization and post-adoption issues
- 2:45 PM – 3:45 PM Fifth Period: Adoption Social Workers Panel

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Friday, April 4, 2025

- 9:00-9:30 AM Community Breakfast
- 9:30 AM-10:30 AM First Period: Independent adoption and private agency adoption + ICPC
- 10:30 AM-11:30 AM Second Period: Adopting from DCS
- 11:30-11:45 AM Break
- 11:45 AM-12:45 PM Third Period: Adoption assistance and foster parent issues
- 12:45 PM – 1:45 PM Lunch- Go out or order in. Community space and beverages provided.
- 1:45 PM – 2:45 PM Fourth Period: Adoption Judges Panel
- 2:45 PM – 3:45 PM Fifth Period: **Ethics 102**: Counseling clients, billing, divided loyalties, DCS, agencies, facilitators, and other attorneys

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 **Friday 3:45 PM - School's Out** 
Enjoy Your Weekend in the Mountains

April 15-17, 2026 Adoption Law School in The Mountains

Focus: Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

- 9:00-9:30 AM Registration and Community Breakfast
- 9:30 AM-10:30 AM First Period: **Ethics 101**: Community: a tool to increase effectiveness and joy.
- 10:30 AM-11:30 AM Second Period: Materials and Resources, overview of adoption and TPR, how cases present, and alternatives to involuntary TPR.
- 11:30-11:45 AM Break
- 11:45 AM-12:45 PM Third Period: Necessary parties, Constitutional rights, due process
- 12:45 PM – 1:45 PM Community Lunch - Provided
- 1:45 PM – 2:45 PM Fourth Period: Petition to terminate parental rights, jurisdiction, service, and default.
- 2:45 PM – 3:45 PM Fifth Period: Finish the previous topic and begin Answer and Pretrial Procedure

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4:00 PM-5:00 PM **COMMUNITY HAPPY HOUR – Local Bar/Restaurant**

Thursday, April 16, 2026

- 9:00 AM-10:00 AM First Period **Phys. Ed. Ethics 102**: Movement & stillness
- 10:00-10:30 AM Community Breakfast
- 10:30 AM-11:30 AM Second Period: Answer and pretrial procedure con't.
- 11:30-11:45 AM Break
- 11:45 AM-12:45 PM Third Period: Trial, findings, and appeals
- 12:45 PM – 1:45 PM Lunch- go out or order in. Community space and beverages provided.
- 1:45 PM – 2:45 PM Fourth Period: Best interest foundational
- 2:45 PM – 3:45 PM Fifth Period: Psychological Experts Panel

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Friday, April 17, 2026

9:00-9:30 AM Community Breakfast

9:30 AM-10:30 AM First Period: Best interest operational and begin grounds

10:30 AM-11:30 AM Second Period: Grounds con't

11:30-11:45 AM Break



11:45 AM-12:45 PM Third Period: Open adoption, settlement, and losing

12:45 PM – 1:45 PM Lunch- Go out or order in. Community space and beverages provided.

1:45 PM – 2:45 PM Fourth Period: Ethics 102 Advising clients, dog cases, litigation ethics, and billing

2:45 PM – 3:45 PM Fifth Period: TPR Judges Panel

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 Friday 3:45 PM - School's Out 

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