



Adoption Law School in The Mountains

April 2-4, 2025

Sevierville Civic Center

120 Gary R Wade Blvd, Sevierville, TN 37862

15 hours CLE. (12 General / 3 Dual)

CLASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Registration and Community Breakfast
9:30 AM-10:30 AM	First Period Ethics 101: Community, Reputation, and Integrity: Old school tools for effectiveness and contentment.
10:30 AM-11:30 AM	Second Period Adoption Fundamentals: What is adoption, who may adopt and be adopted, who is a necessary party, and what is the PFR for?
11:30 AM - 11:45 AM	Break
11:45 AM-12:45 PM	Third Period Termination Methods and Guardianship: Voluntary termination, guardianship, elements of an action for involuntary termination of parental rights.
12:45 PM - 1:45 PM	Community Lunch - Provided
1:45 PM – 2:45 PM	Fourth Period Involuntary Termination Initial Procedure: Jurisdiction, venue, service, due process, default, and post-adoption contact agreements.
2:45 PM – 3:45 PM	Fifth Period Contested Termination Procedure: Answer, defensive parentage actions, amendments, discovery, motions practice, evidence, experts, and settlement.

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4:00 PM COMMUNITY HAPPY HOUR
Local bar/restaurant will be announced

Thursday, April 3, 2025

9:00 AM-10:00 AM	First Period Phys. Ed. & Ethics 102: Movement & Stillness: Tools for thriving in a stressful practice.
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Community Breakfast

10:30 AM-11:30 AM

Second Period Contested Termination Trial Practice: Organization, witnesses, argument, findings, winning, losing, appeals, client management, and empathy.

11:30 AM - 11:45 AM Break

11:45 AM-12:45 PM

Third Period Grounds for Termination of Parental Rights.

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 of the Child: Trauma, attachment, and operationalizing the analysis.

2:45 PM – 3:45 PM

Fifth Period Panel of Adoption Social Workers.

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Friday, April 4, 2025

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM

9:30 AM-10:30 AM

Community Breakfast

First Period Adoption Process and Procedure: Prerequisites for filing, Petition, timing, jurisdiction, venue, homestudy, supervision, finalization, and post-adoption issues.

10:30 AM-11:30 AM

Second Period Stepparent, Relative, and Independent Adoption: Interstate adoption, ICPC, and lawyers in other states.

11:30 AM - 11:45 AM Break

11:45 AM-12:45 PM

Third Period DCS and Private Agency Adoption: Process, packets, divided loyalties, and adoption assistance.

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 Panel of Adoption Judges.

2:45 PM – 3:45 PM

Fifth Period Ethics 103: Ethical Dictates and Meeting Clients Needs: Client counseling for sustainable families, client decisions, dog cases, alternatives to involuntary TPR, billing, social, political, and psychological trends.

FINAL DISMISSAL

 **Friday 3:45 PM - School's Out** 

Thank You and Enjoy Your Weekend in the Mountains!