

Biographies of presenters

Judge Ericka Sanders is an Associate Judge from Marion County, Illinois, appointed in 2010. Sanders presides over the abuse and neglect, delinquency and truancy cases in Marion and Clinton Counties and leads the Student and Family Education Court, a truancy diversion project, based upon the drug court model, at the Centralia Junior High in Centralia, Illinois. She serves as the chair of the Fourth Circuit's Juvenile Justice Council and is a member of the Illinois Supreme Court Committee for Juvenile Court.

Judge Dennis Middendorff (ret.) Judge Middendorff is the former resident circuit judge of Clinton County, Illinois. Judge Middendorff spent much of his judicial career presiding over the criminal docket in Marion County. Many of the attorneys and judges in the Marion and Clinton County areas learned to practice law under the direction of Judge Middendorff, to include all of the presenters at this training. Judge Middendorff is currently a professor at McKendree University.

Melissa Doran – Ms. Doran has been the Assistant State's Attorney in Marion County since 2004. She handles the felony cases at all stages of the litigation process, from charging to trial and sentencing. In her role as the felony prosecutor and as an experienced and skilled trial lawyer, Ms. Doran has achieved numerous convictions in cases involving the abuse of children.

Stephanie Corum – Ms. Corum is currently an assistant public defender in Coles County. Ms. Corum has also been the assistant public defender in Champaign and Marion Counties. Ms. Corum has experience in representing defendants, minors and respondent parents in felony, misdemeanor and juvenile cases. Ms. Corum has spent her career zealously representing her clients, to include parents who strive for reunification with their children.

Marsha Holzhauer – Ms Holzhauer, now retired, was the longest serving Guardian ad Litem in Marion County history, having represented thousands of children. Ms. Holzhauer is known as a champion and advocate for abused and neglected children. Above and beyond her zealous legal representation of children, Ms. Holzhauer had a car full of toys and gift cards that she gave to foster kids. Her impact on the system and children is still felt today.

Kenda Shuler – Ms. Shuler is a caseworker with CARITAS. She has been a caseworker, zealously advocating for children, since 2006. Ms. Shuler was requested to participate in this training because of her superior skills in testimony and report writing. Ms. Shuler's testimony at hearings and trials is exemplary, evidencing her ability to specifically and thoroughly relay details of her casework

the interests of the children for which she advocates and the parents that she assists.