Memo

Date: September 30, 2016
To: Lea Ann Easton, Chair, Parent Child Representation Standards Work Group
From: Amy Zubko
Re: Background on edits

In response to a request from the Chair, I have reviewed the "Report of the Task Force on Standards of Representation in Juvenile Dependency Cases" last published June 27, 2014. I reviewed the document for clerical errors, inconsistent verbiage, terminology and typos. At this point, I have completed the following:

1) Established consistent language when referring to the parent, the child, and the attorneys for the parent and child. Throughout the document, parent and child are both singular, and each are specifically referenced as either a "parent client" or a "child client." Attorneys are listed as "parent's lawyer" or "child's lawyer." There are some areas where I have deviated from this, for example, the discussion of either a parent or child's trial or appellate attorney. Please note that there very well could be better terms to use, but I leaned towards consistency.

2) Ensured that there are no spots where the Standards incorrectly refer to the parent's lawyer in the children's Standards and vice versa.

3) Fixed typos and clarified acronyms where necessary.

4) Edited some paragraphs for better flow.

5) Identified areas where Actions and Commentary might be missing.

6) Made the citation for the Oregon Rules of Professional Conduct (Oregon RPC) and the statutes consistent.

7) Fixed the titles of the Standards to ensure they are consistent from Parent to Child.

8) Made subsection titles within the Standards more uniform.

9) Moved ORS and Oregon RPC citations into the body of the text. Left case and explanatory citations as footnotes.

At this point, I have not done the following:

1) Incorporated comments from the work group members into the document. I heard from a few members that they had comments but would not be able to get them to me by October 3rd.

2) Checked the citations.

3) Reviewed the appendices.

4) Formatting and inserting links.