

DETAILS

October 24, 2011: 1-5pm

& October 25, 2011: 8-noon

will be held in the **Prairie Room** at the Holiday Inn, McMurry Park, 721 Granite Peak Drive, Casper, Wyoming.

FREE TRAVEL

Contracted GALs and Employees of the Wyoming Guardians Ad Litem Program will receive full reimbursement for travel expenses including 1 night of lodging, meals, and mileage at the state rate. To receive reimbursement, GALs must submit a WOLFS 104 after travel.

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!

<https://sites.google.com/a/wyo.gov/trialskills/>

NOTE:

Child Welfare Trial Skills Training FOR GALs

This training will comprise of an eight hour comprehensive course on the trial skills necessary to try a child welfare case. The program is tailored for lawyers who represent children in child protection cases. It is designed to make the child welfare lawyer a more persuasive and effective advocate. The session is based on a new book, *Trial Advocacy for the Child Welfare Lawyer: Telling the Story of the Family*, written by JLS Director Marvin Ventrell and published by the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) and LexisNexis Publishing. The book for this course will be provided to contracted GALs and employees of the Wyoming Guardians Ad Litem Program at no charge. The book and the training are comprehensive treatments of the trial, from case analysis and opening statement through closing argument. The book and training represent a blending of the general art of trial practice with the particulars of child welfare court practice.

PRESENTED BY

Mr. Ventrell founded the Juvenile Law Society in 2009 following 15 years as the chief executive officer of the National Association of Counsel for Children. Mr. Ventrell co-directed the national program sponsored by the U.S. Dept. of HHS Children's Bureau that established Child Welfare Law as a formal legal specialty and created the Child Welfare Attorney Certification Program. He is also the author of numerous articles and book chapters including, *The Evolution of the Dependency Component of the Juvenile Court*. Together with the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA), Mr. Ventrell established the annual NITA Rocky Mountain Child Advocacy Training Institute, now in its 17th year.



Marvin Ventrell, JD



ACCOMMODATIONS

A block of rooms at a **discounted rate of \$77** will be held at the Holiday Inn & must be reserved by October 4th, 2011. These rooms are **limited** in quantity and are first come, first serve to those who call 307-577-5000.

GOTTA CALL

Additional lodging may be found at a neighboring hotel: Mainstay Suites, 551 Granite Peak Drive, Casper, WY: 307-472-5189. Please note: The GAL Program will only reimburse up to \$77 plus tax



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