

**TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**WHOSE CASE IS THIS, ANYWAY?**  
***How to Tackle Jurisdiction and Placement Issues in***  
***Interstate Child Welfare Cases***

**Tuesday, September 21, 2010**

MCLE Conference Center  
10 Winter Place  
Boston, MA

**Wednesday, September 22, 2010**

UMass Dartmouth  
Advanced Technology &  
Manufacturing Center (ATMC)  
151 Martine Street  
Fall River, MA

**Thursday, September 23, 2010**

Springfield Marriott  
2 Boland Way  
Springfield, MA

**What would you do if you were involved in this case?** Sophie is a four year-old girl with medical needs. She has been living with her maternal grandmother in Massachusetts the last several months. A 51A was filed against the grandmother alleging medical neglect and DCF has filed a C & P. Mother claims she got custody of Sophie when she last lived with father in Florida about a year ago. When mother was hospitalized in Florida, she sent Sophie to live with grandmother. Mother still lives in Florida; father, a Native American, has moved to New York.

As we evolve into an increasingly transient nation and borders no longer define a family's home or community, determination of jurisdiction over a child and proper placement becomes more and more complicated. This ***all day*** training will help you analyze these issues as we examine the intersection and overlap of the Interstate Child Placement Compact, the Massachusetts Child Custody Jurisdiction Act, the Parental Kidnapping Prevention Act and the Indian Child Welfare Act. ***Come learn how to address jurisdiction and placement issues to ensure your interstate case proceeds on the right course from the start.***

CAFL attorneys who are interested in attending this training should email Mike Meagher at [mmeagher@publiccounsel.net](mailto:mmeagher@publiccounsel.net) to register. Please provide a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice of locations in case one of the classes is full. You will receive confirmation of your registration along with further details.

This is a Massachusetts Court Improvement Program training, funded by the CIP federal grant which is administered by the Supreme Judicial Court. There is no fee for attending this program.