

## **CPCS ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE MAY, 2011**

The 2011 CPCS Annual Training Conference will be held on **Thursday, May 19, 2011**, from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the DCU Center in downtown Worcester. Criminal Law, Children and Family Law, Appellate and Mental Health programs will be offered.

The cost for the conference is a **\$105.00** contribution to the Training Trust. This entitles participants to attend all seminars and the awards luncheon, and to receive conference materials from all of the programs offered. **Enrollment is limited and available slots will be filled on a first-registered, first-served basis.** The conference is only open to attorneys who accept assignments through CPCS. Please use the registration form attached here.

## **CPCS ACCEPTS NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS**

**Nominations:** Nominations for the following awards should be submitted to Anthony Benedetti, Chief Counsel, CPCS, 44 Bromfield Street, Boston, MA 02108. **The deadline for submissions is April 15, 2011** Nominations for the Blitzman award should be submitted by the same date to Joshua Dohan, Director, Youth Advocacy Department, Committee for Public Counsel Services, 10 Malcolm X Boulevard, Suite 2-1, Roxbury, MA 02119. The Committee will present the awards at the CPCS Training Conference on Thursday, May 19, 2011.

The "**Edward J. Duggan Award for Outstanding Service**" is given to both a Public Defender and Private Counsel attorney and is named for Edward J. Duggan, who served continuously from 1940 to 1997 as a member of the Voluntary Defenders Committee, the Massachusetts Defenders Committee, and the Committee for Public Counsel Services. The award has been presented each year since 1988 to the public defender and private attorney who best represent zealous advocacy --- the central principle governing the representation of indigents in Massachusetts.

The "**Thurgood Marshall Award**" recognizes a person who has made significant contributions to the quality of the representation we provide to our clients.

The "**Jay D. Blitzman Award for Youth Advocacy**" is presented annually to a person who has demonstrated the commitment to juvenile rights which was the hallmark of Judge Blitzman's long career as an advocate. Judge Blitzman was a public defender for twenty years and, in 1992, he became the first director of the Youth Advocacy Project. The award honors a person, who need not be an attorney, who has exhibited both extraordinary dedication and excellent performance in the struggle to assure that children accused of criminal conduct or are otherwise at risk are treated fairly and with dignity.

The "**Paul J. Liacos Mental Health Advocacy Award**" is presented annually to a public defender or private attorney whose legal advocacy on behalf of indigent persons involved in civil and/or criminal mental health proceedings best exemplifies zealous advocacy in furtherance of all clients' legal interests.

The "**Mary C. Fitzpatrick Children and Family Law Award**" is presented annually to a public or private attorney who demonstrates zealous advocacy and an extraordinary commitment to the representation of both children and parents in care and protection, children in need of services, and dispensation with consent to adoption cases. The award was named for Judge Fitzpatrick in recognition of her longstanding dedication to the child welfare process and the well-being of children in the Commonwealth. Judge Fitzpatrick has long been an advocate for the recognition of rights of children and parents as well as for the speedy resolution of child welfare matters.

REGISTRATION FORM  
CPCS ANNUAL TRAINING  
Thursday May 19, 2011  
8:30 am to 5:00 pm  
DCU Center  
50 Foster Street  
Worcester, MA 01608

TOPICS TO BE ANNOUNCED

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Please check here if a vegetarian meal is required: \_\_\_\_\_

**To assist us in scheduling:**

Please check here if you are **only** interested in attending Criminal Law Programs \_\_\_\_\_

Please check here if you are **only** interested in attending Children and Family Law Programs \_\_\_\_\_

Please check here if you are interested in attending **both** Family Law and Criminal Law Programs \_\_\_\_\_

**TO REGISTER:** Please complete the above form and return it with a \$105.00 contribution (checks only, payable to the "CPCS Training Trust") to:

CPCS Training Unit  
44 Bromfield St  
Boston MA 02108