

## **DIANE WEINROTH**

### BAR ADMISSIONS

New York, admitted 1976  
District of Columbia, admitted 1977

### EDUCATION

University of California at Berkeley  
B.A. with honors, 1972  
Honor student 1968 - 1972

Columbia University Law School  
J.D., 1976

### EMPLOYMENT

May 1989 - current

Practitioner-in-Residence, Women and the Law Clinic,  
Washington College of Law, American University,  
Washington, D.C.

Co-teach full academic year seminar in lawyering skills,  
trial practice, procedure and substantive law; supervise  
court-certified law students representing clients in child  
support, child abuse and neglect, domestic violence and  
other family, civil and administrative matters; supervise  
law student externs; provide on-going representation for  
clinic cases during the summer and supervise law student  
interns.

Fall 2003

Special counsel, The Children's Law Center, Washington,  
D.C.

Consultant for training and technical assistance to non-  
profit legal services organization serving at-risk children  
and families.

Fall 1997

Adjunct Professor, supervised externship seminar,  
Washington College of Law, American University

Summer 1990

Adjunct Instructor, Family Law  
Washington College of Law, American University

1981 - 2003

Sole practitioner, Washington, D.C.

General practice with concentration in family law and child  
abuse and neglect.

1979 - 1981

Associate, Law Office of Wanda J. Reif, Washington, D.C.  
General civil practice.

1978 - 1979

Associate, Sobol & Trister, Washington, D.C.

Equal employment and civil rights litigation; labor law;  
general civil practice.

1976 - 1977

Welfare Advocacy Training Program, National Paralegal  
Institute, Washington, D.C.

## AWARDS AND PUBLICATIONS

2007 Jerrold Scoutt Prize, D.C. Bar Foundation

Author, 2006 and 2007 updates, "Adoption," District of Columbia Practice Manual, District of  
Columbia Bar

Author, 2006 update, "What is custody?", "Third party custody" and "Relief after custody  
determination" chapters, Child Custody Training Manual for Pro Bono Attorneys, District of  
Columbia Bar

Co-editor, "Grandparents' Rights Manual," American Association of Retired Persons,  
Washington, D.C. (2006)

Co-editor, "A Guide For Youth Aging Out of Foster Care in the District of Columbia," The  
Children's Law Center and WETA (2005)

Co-author, 2003 update and 2004 update, "Child Abuse and Neglect," District of Columbia  
Practice Manual, District of Columbia Bar

Co-author, chapter 10, Child Custody Training Manual for Pro Bono Attorneys, District of  
Columbia Bar (2003)

Contributing columnist, "Ethical Dilemmas," Child Law Practice, American Bar Association  
(1999 to 2001)

Adoption Law and Practice, The Children's Law Center (1999 and updates)

Dunlap, J., Hudson, H. and Weinroth, D., Practice Manual for Child Abuse and Neglect Cases in  
the District of Columbia, Council for Court Excellence, Washington, D.C. (1988)

Parents' guide to neglect and abuse cases in D.C. Superior Court (with Dunlap, J.), Bar  
Association of the District of Columbia (1993)

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (partial list)

Presenter, "Advanced Topics," Neglect Practice Institute (Washington, D.C. 2006)

Member, D.C. Legal Services Teen Dating Violence Working Group, (2006 – present)

Trainer, Legal Services Litigation Skills training series, Washington Council of Lawyers (Washington, D.C.) (2005, 2007)

Co-site administrator, Family Law section, Probono.net (D.C.), 2003 – present.

Co-site administrator, Family Law section, LawHelp D.C., 2004 – present.

Panelist, “Town Hall Meeting – Role of Guardians ad Litem in Custody Cases,” Family Law Section, D.C. Bar (September 21, 2005)

Presenter, “Understanding the Adoption and Safe Families Act,” Foster and Adoptive Parent Advocacy Center (September 10, 2005).

Presenter, “Family Law,” Neglect Practice Institute (Washington, D.C., 2005)

Panelist, “Guardians ad Litem in Custody Cases” D.C. Bar, February 15, 2005.

Member, Adoption Rules Subcommittee, D.C. Superior Court, 2003 - 2004.

Trainer, D.C. Superior Court Office of Counsel for Child Abuse and Neglect new attorney training, 2005 - present.

Working group member and volunteer, D.C. Bar Family Court Pro Se Self-Help Center, 2002 – present; trainer, Self-Help Center volunteer attorney training, 2006.

Co-coordinator (2002 – 2005) and presenter (2002 – present), “Custody Law” training, D.C. Bar Pro Bono Program, 2002 - present.

Co-coordinator and presenter, "Representing Children in Custody and Domestic Violence Cases," D.C. Bar Pro Bono Program, 2000 - present.

Co-coordinator and presenter, Pro Bono Adoption Project training, D.C. Bar and The Children’s Law Center, 1997-2005.

Trainer, Pro Se Divorce Clinic volunteer attorney training, 2003 – present.

Volunteer, D.C. Bar Pro Se Divorce Clinic, 1998-present.

Foster parent trainer (initial licensing and on-going training), Foster and Adoptive Parent Advocacy Center, Washington, D.C., 2004 – present.

Advisory Committee, Practice Manual for Child Abuse and Neglect Cases in the District of Columbia (Council for Court Excellence), 2003 - 2004.

Panelist, "The Civil Side of Criminal Proceedings," Criminal Practice Institute, Washington, D.C., November 21, 2003.

D.C. Superior Court Magistrate Judge Training, 2002.

Panelist, "Services for Neglected and Delinquent Children; What the New Family Court Can Do Under the Law," 2002 District of Columbia Judicial and Bar Conference.

Volunteer, D.C. Bar Pro Se Custody Clinic, 2004 – present; training materials reviewer (2004)

Volunteer, D.C. Bar Advice and Referral Clinic, 2001- present.

Trainer, forensic issues for child psychiatrists, Children's National Medical Center and The Children's Law Center, 2001 and 2002.

Panelist, "Civil issues for defense attorneys," D.C. Public Defender Service, 2001.

Panelist, Community Multi-Agency Speaker Series, United States Attorney's Office, Spring 2001

Presenter, Civil legal issues for defense attorneys, D.C. Criminal Practice Institute, 2000.

Panelist, The role of the guardian ad litem, D.C. Bar, October 19, 2000.

Panelist, Breaking the Cycle of Violence: A Special Focus on Teens and Same Sex Domestic Violence, National Association for Public Interest Law Conference, October 2000.

Panelist, Domestic Violence, National Association for Public Interest Law, 2000.

Panelist, "Our Children, Our Families," D.C. Commission on Mental Health Services Social Work Conference, March 2000.

Panelist, Adoption and Safe Families Act, Superior Court/Counsel for Child Abuse and Neglect/Child and Family Services Agency training, Council for Court Excellence and The Children's Law Center, February 2000.

Trainer, Street Law, Inc., 1998 - 2003.

Planning Committee member, Pro Bono Guardian Ad Litem project, and presenter, "Guardians ad litem in Domestic Violence Cases," D.C. Bar, 1998 and 1999.

Presenter, Adoption Law and Practice, D.C. Bar, 1998 and 1999.

Member, Children at Risk Task Force, District of Columbia Bar, 1997- present (member of subcommittee responsible for drafting criminal records check legislation).

New and advanced attorney training, D.C. Superior Court Office of Counsel for Child Abuse and Neglect, 1984 - 1999.

Planning Committee, Neglect and Delinquency Practice Institute, Bar Association of the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C. 1988 - 1996; presenter, 1988, 1989, 1992, 1995, 1998, 1999.

Organizer and trainer, Court Training for Social Workers, Consortium for Child Welfare, July 1999.

Coordinator and presenter, Adoption Law and Practice, D.C. Bar Public Service Activities Corporation, May 1995.

Advisory Board member, Practice Manual for Child Abuse and Neglect Cases in the District of Columbia, Second Edition.

Family Division panelist, D.C. Superior Court judicial trainings, 1996 and 1998.

Incorporator and Board member, Children's Law Center, Washington, D.C., 1996 - 2003.

Panelist, "Child Witnesses," D.C. Bar, January 1995.

Foster parent training panelist, Consortium for Child Welfare.

In-service trainings, Public Defender Service, Washington, D.C., 1994-2001.

In-service training, Positive Kinship Bonding, Washington, D.C., September 1994.

Trainer, Criminal Justice Advocacy Project, D.C. Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 1993 and 1994.

Speaker, Street Law Clinic, Georgetown University Law Center, 1993 and 1994.

Panelist, "Court System Intervention on Behalf of the Child: Issues and Strategies to Keep Children Safe," The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Child Abuse and Neglect Task Force Regional Conference, April 1994.

Panelist, "The Key to Effective Judicial Involvement in Neglect Litigation," Judicial Retreat, Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 1993.

Panelist, "Has LaShawn A. v. Kelly Had Any Impact on the Neglect Practice in D.C. Superior Court?" D.C. Bar 1993 Winter Convention, February 1993.

Adoption law and practice (presenter), Consortium for Child Welfare Pro Bono Foster Child Adoption Project, December 1993.

New judge training (neglect and abuse), D.C. Superior Court, July 1992, June 1995.

Family Division panelist, D.C. Superior Court judicial training, May 1992.

Adoption law and practice (coordinator and presenter), D.C. Bar Continuing Legal Education, September 1992.

Foster parent training, Consortium for Child Welfare, Washington, D.C., 1992 - 1993; Methodist Board of Child Care, 1989.

In-service social worker training, Consortium for Child Welfare, Washington, D.C., 1992.

Panelist, Third Annual Peirce Warwick Adoption Symposium, Washington, D.C., October 15, 1992.

Panelist, "Legal Aspects of Prenatal Substance Abuse," Center for Applied Research and Urban Policy, University of the District of Columbia, August 1992.

In-service training, St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home, Hyattsville, Maryland, 1991 and 1992.

In-service training, Youth Forensic Services Division, D.C. Commission on Mental Health, 1992.

Advisory Committee, On Their Own: Runaway and Homeless Youth and Programs That Serve Them, Georgetown University Child Development Center, 1990.

Treasurer, D.C. Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 1993 - 1995; Member, Board of Directors, 1992 - 1995; Legal Committee member, 1991 - 1992.

Co-Chair, Juvenile Justice Subcommittee, Criminal Rights and Individual Liberties Committee, District of Columbia Bar, 1987 - 1991.

Member (founding), Child Advocacy and Protection Committee, Bar Association of the District of Columbia, 1987 - 1992.

Member, Board of Directors, Ionia Whipper Home for Girls, Washington, D.C., 1985 - present.

Member, Legal Advisory Committee, The Boarder Baby Project, Washington, D.C., 1992 - 1994.

Chair, Domestic Relations Counseling Committee, Women's Legal Defense Fund, 1983 - 1987; member, 1987 - 1990.