

**THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY
DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION
GAL/CR/AFC Program**

All 2026 seminars are held via Zoom from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of the month unless otherwise indicated. The October 2026 Domestic Violence related seminar shall be held in person in courtroom 1905. **All GAL/CR/AFCs shall attend four (4) seminars per year (one of which must be the mandatory DV training in October) to remain on the approved GAL/CR/AFC list.** In addition, the Division is an accredited Illinois MCLE provider.

January 21, 2026 — Drug and Alcohol Testing and Reading the Results

Michael Gammel, True Test Labs
Kevin Dorsey, Soberlink
Judge Jill Quinn

February 18, 2026 — IEP v. 504 Plan: Should a GAL/CR Be Involved?

Ashley Fretthold, Legal Aid Chicago
Jacqueline Ross, Loyola University

March 18, 2026 — Understanding Child Sex Abuse Allegations

Judge Jennifer Payne
Dr. Stephanie Bonza
Dr. Christine Schmidt

April 22, 2026 — Importance of Home Visits and Home Studies

Bill Wigoda, Attorney at Law
Daniel Hunter, Family Court Services, Circuit Court of Cook County
Colleen Littmann, Cook County Public Guardian

May 20, 2026 — Facilitating Attuned Interactions (FAN)

Erikson Institute

June 17, 2026 — Parental Alienation

Dr. Bennett Leventhal
Judge Regina Scannicchio

July 15, 2026 — Handling a Case with Two Pro Se Litigants

Judge Scott Tzinberg
Stacey Platt, Loyola University
Michael Strauss, Attorney at Law

August 19, 2026 — 750 ILCS 5/603.10 – When Restricted Parenting Time Is Appropriate

Judge Edward Arce
Judge Erika Orr***
Daniel Hunter, Family Court Services, Circuit Court of Cook County

September 16, 2026 — Reunification Therapy: When Is it Appropriate?

Michelle Acuna, LCSW
Dr. Ruth Krauss
Dr. Gail Petrich
Dr. Stephanie Bonza

October 21, 2026 – Mandatory Domestic Violence CLE [In Person]

Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence

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