

# INDIANA JUVENILE PUBLIC DEFENDER CONFERENCE

October 4, 2013

## CONFERENCE EVALUATION

### RESULTS

#### Individual Sessions

Please rate the effectiveness of the sessions throughout the conference on a scale of 1 to 5, with (1) being the least effective and (5) being the most effective. If you did not attend the session listed, please circle (n/a). Please provide any feedback and comments in the space provided, and be as specific as possible.

#### Friday, October 4

##### 1) Mary Ann Scali – *Developing Juvenile Defense as a Specialization: the Duty to Child Clients*

**Average: 4.33**

- States the obvious with great drama, she did better in the Right to Counsel Event and was easy to hear
- Very energetic
- As first time attendee, was a good overview of what needs to go into Juvenile defense, thank you for putting the ethics first
- Good speaker
- Ok, but didn't really learn anything
- Should have been 1 hour of ethics
- The topic and information was fairly elementary, I wish there had been some examples where a complicated situation arises
- Opened my eyes, like the professionalism and thoroughness of presentation and excellent background information and material

##### 2) Mary Ann Scali, Monica Foster, Jill Johnson & Larry Landis – *Indiana's Response*

**Average: 4**

- Very practical on Indiana level
- Did not find this helpful, interesting information but not really helpful
- This section informed but did not educate
- Great follow up to Scali presentation, brings the material home

##### 3) Shannon Howard-Chastain, Renee VandenWallBake– *The Role of the SRO: Litigating School Cases*

**Average: 4.48**

- Lots of useful information
- Good tips and recommendations
- Good information, would have liked more information on SRO/principal cases
- Concise, informative and educational
- Both were very concise, very impressive
- Excellent information, great practical value because it (the information) is based on first-hand experience

4) Angela Chang, Amy Halbrook, Rachel Roman-Lagunas, Kaarin Lueck, Mary Ann Scali & Tobie Smith – *Juvenile Training Immersion Program: Probation Revocations*

**Average: 4.36**

- Good program
- Tobie was the most prepared and informative of all speakers

5) Michael Dempsey, Suzanne Hopf, Jill Johnson & Larry Landis – *Alternative Sentencing for Transferred Youth: HEA 1108*

**Average: 4.71**

- A little dry but lots of useful information that I was unaware of
- Good to know and understandable
- Excellent, good analysis of new law arguments, comparison to KY & MO, helpful having DOC commissioner here
- It will be interesting to see if and how this statutory scheme is implemented and to compare its application in large population counties vs. smaller counties
- Good to hear input from Michael Dempsey
- One of the best sessions ever, very informative both of black letter law and practical application
- Excellent information, great panel selection, very practical

6) Laurie Elliot, Amy Halbrook & Tobie Smith – *Detention of Status Offenders*

**Average: 4.46**

- Good discussion
- Great program
- Great material and excellent presenters
- I wish there had been pauses for questions and/or discussion, lecture for that long at that time was hard

7) Larry Landis, Mary Ann Scali & Kim Brooks Tandy – *Enforcing the Juvenile Right to Counsel: the Defender's Role*

**Average: 4.13**

- Kim and Larry often did not speak into mike and could not hear at those times
- Speakers were good
- Good discussion on waiver of counsel
- Very good exposition on the rule, generated good participation by practitioners in attendance, points to deficiencies and inconsistencies from county to county as well as the need for public defenders in all counties

### Overall Session Experience

What did you like most about the Conference:

- Panel Discussions
- As always, very well presented, always timely and relevant
- Practical aspects
- Hearing from colleagues from other counties regarding their ideas and experiences
- Very knowledgeable speakers, wonderfully friendly staff
- Compare services available in adult prison system to these in juvenile system
- New law reference and case law
- Camaraderie
- Great selection of presenters, appreciate the KY presenters participation, great selection of topics, nice balance between general sessions and breakout sessions

How can we improve your experience at the Conference:

- Include issues that small counties deal with (schools don't have SRO's, juveniles are rarely placed in detention, etc.) and have someone on panel with rural county experience
- It seems rooms always get a little chilly
- Better parting gifts, I would like Larry to snap his fingers and make each of our problems go away
- I wish someone makes an announcement when they change the location, also after the session if there is another break out session tell us which room has which
- I would like to know where everyone, including non-speakers, are from, it would be nice to hear biggest problems in each county
- Can't think of anything, it was outstanding, slide shots need to be enlarged for legibility or presented as text

**Please rate the following:**

1) Relevance of session topics to your practice:

**Average: 4**

- A lot of my practice is Juvenile defense and the updates on new law and discussion of relevant cases and practice pointers is good
- Relevant
- Prompts me to want to become active in juvenile defense again or in advocacy organization

2) Usefulness of materials to your practice:

**Average: 4.18**

- Helpful, especially CD

3) Registration process:

**Average: 4.46**

- Smooth and convenient
- Very good
- Excellent
- Easy
- No problem, liked the email reminders and registration process

What topics would you like to see covered in future Conferences?

- CHINS vs. Juvenile Delinquency
- Practical how to do fact finding
- Doing waiver hearings
- Waiver defense
- Indigency and restitution issues
- Ability of probation officers to speak to our clients

### **Facility and Accommodations**

Please rate the facility and accommodations, with (1) being the least satisfactory and (5) being the most satisfactory. Please provide feedback and comments in the space provided, and be as specific as possible.

1) Classroom facility

**Average: 4.01**

- Cold (several people said some variation of this)
- Acoustics not great, otherwise fine
- Excellent
- Good
- Ok, getting to this place isn't easy to navigate, but its adequate

2) Meals

**Average: 3.83**

- Excellent
- Average
- Tasty
- Amazing as always at PD events