

General Section Meeting
ISB Child Protection Section
June 27, 2025 // Noon – 1:00 p.m. (MT Time)
via Zoom
Minutes

ATTENDEES:

Kyle Bringhurst
Teresa Baker
Amey Ballard
Anne Voss
Christopher Sletvold
Garrett Brown
Hannah Dahle
Jaxen Eggleston
Jennifer Fegert
Jessica Partridge
Jodi
Joshua Mills
Kelly Bell
Kelsey Jae
Lisa Nordstrom
Madison Miles
Mandy Valentine
Mark Withers
Merritt Dublin
Elia Moore
Peter Mommer
Ralph Blount
Scott Davis
Teresa Vance
Teresa Baker
Tyler Williams

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Dublin Merritt

- 1) **100th Anniversary Gala.** The section will sponsor attendance at the ISB 100th Anniversary Gala. Originally budgeted for one person; discussion held to divide funds and allow two individuals to attend. One attendee from today's meeting will be randomly selected via raffle to receive an extra gala ticket. Two-part event: (1) All-day CLE and luncheon, and (2) evening gala with awards. The section has one extra ticket, to be raffled to a participant in today's meeting. The winner may choose either the CLE/luncheon or the gala. Attendees were reminded to have their names recorded for raffle eligibility.
- 2) **ISB Survey.** A brief survey was distributed to gather feedback about the section. Members are encouraged to complete it by July 11th. The survey is short and intended to capture input on future activities, including CLE topics and section improvements.

- 3) **Advocate Articles**. Denise and a University of Idaho fellow will co-author a piece on immigration and child protection. Janice Beller is drafting an independent piece. Merritt Dublin has a tentative article idea and encourages broad participation. Article drafts are due the first week of November. Please reach out if interested in contributing.
- 4) **Section Conference** – Spring 2025. Kyle Bringhurst reported that planning discussions are underway. Focus may be on foundational topics in child protection law—particularly useful for new practitioners, including conflict public defenders. Feedback and topic suggestions are welcome via the ISB survey. April was identified as the likely month for the conference.
- 5) **Possible Joint Conference with CASA**. Tyler Williams is coordinating with CASA directors to explore the potential for a joint event. Legislative changes affecting CASA practices may make a joint focus on best interests timely and relevant.
- 6) **Governor’s Task Force** – October 9 Conference. The Governor’s Task Force on Children at Risk will host its annual conference on October 9. Topic: Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy. Full-day training. More information and sign-up details to be distributed soon. Section members Teresa Vance and Kyle Bringhurst participate in the task force.

CLE – Kyle Bringhurst, Ada County Prosecutor, 2025 Legislative Changes in Child Protection

***Next Meeting:** The next Section meeting will be held Friday, September 24, 2025, from Noon to 1:00 p.m. Mountain Time. Zoom link information remains the same from one meeting to the next.*

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