

## AMC/GAL TRAINING COURSE

**ARE YOU CURRENTLY A GUARDIAN *AD LITEM* OR ATTORNEY FOR MINOR CHILDREN IN FAMILY CASES? WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR APPOINTMENT?**

*Announcing the fifth round of comprehensive basic training classes for new and experienced GAL/AMCs — attorneys and mental health professionals.*

*The training is FREE, held at Quinnipiac University School of Law, Hamden*

Note: P.B. §§ 25-62 and 25-62A, effective January 1, 2012, limit new appointments as guardians *ad litem* and attorneys for minor children to persons who have completed this training, regardless of experience.

The training is also required for all attorneys and professionals who wish to be eligible for appointment in cases where the parents are indigent and the case has been approved for payment of fees by the state, through the Office of Chief Public Defender. (State rate cases.)

Sponsored by: the Judicial Branch, the Office of Chief Public Defender, and by QUSL.

**SCHEDULE:** Six half-days, Fridays, 12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m.

**JAN. 20, JAN. 27, FEB. 24, MAR. 2, MAR. 9 AND MAR 30, 2012 .**

(Snow day: April 20. In the event of a weather cancellation, sessions will continue in sequence.)

**REGISTRATION/APPLICATION:** through the Office of Chief Public Defender, which administers the training program for all attendees – whether seeking to take state-rate cases or not.

To register: [www.ct.gov/ocpd](http://www.ct.gov/ocpd) Go to “Latest News” and click on “Family Matters GAL/AMC Training.” Space is limited; registration ends 1/17/2012.

**ATTENDANCE:** Participants MUST attend ALL SIX of the sessions to be certified. Judges will be asked to excuse registered participants from court obligations in order to permit attendance on the scheduled Friday afternoons.