

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Fourth Department Panel Attorneys for Children
FROM: Linda J. Kostin, Attorneys for Children (AFC) Program Director
RE: Semi-Annual Memo
DATE: January 23, 2020

We hope that the new year is off to a good start for you and we thank you for all your efforts on behalf of children in 2019.

Mileage Rate Decrease: Effective January 1, 2020, the mileage rate is **\$.575** per mile.

Training Expiration Date: To check whether your training status will expire on March 31, 2020, go to the AFC website at <http://nycourts.gov/ad4>, click on "Offices," then "Attorneys For Children," then "Panel List." Your name and training due date appear by the county where you are designated. You may satisfy your training requirement by watching at least 5.5 hours of CLE videos on the AFC website and submitting all required paperwork before **March 1, 2020**. User ID is AFC4, password DVtraining (both case-sensitive). Video viewing is limited to AFC only. **If your training requirement lapses, you will be off the panel until July 1, 2020.**

Advanced Juvenile Delinquency (AJD) Panel Members: AFC who are members of the AJD Panel **only** (i.e., not members of the larger AFC Panel), are subject to the same biennial training requirement applicable to all AFC, per 22 NYCRR 1032.5. If you are on the AJD panel and have not completed any additional training through the AFC Program since designation, your training expires on March 31, 2021. Accordingly, you will need to satisfy your training requirement before March 31, 2021, by either attending an AFC Program live seminar, or watching at least 5.5 hours of CLE videos on the AFC Program's website.

Spring DV Seminar: The AFC Program is pleased to be partnering with Erie County IDV/ Felony DV Mentor Court to bring Casey Gwinn, Esq., a national speaker on domestic violence, to Buffalo for a seminar on April 17. Prior to March 2, registration will be limited to AFC. On March 2, AFC may continue to register, but registrations from non-AFC will also be accepted. Accordingly, if you are interested in attending this seminar, please register as soon as possible.

Voucher Reminders: All receipts must be attached to your voucher. Receipts are required for parking over \$5.00. Please attach receipts for tolls. You must attach your order of appointment for Supreme Court cases. Please denote zip code or address for mileage other than to and from Court.

Case Digest: The 2019 Case Digest will be emailed to the panel and posted to the AFC Program website by February 28. Thank you for your patience.