

Guilty Until Proven Innocent:

Hidden Injustice and the Road to Fatherhood. By African American Juvenile Justice Project

Course Description: Fathers Are More Than a Paycheck! From child abandonment warrants to child custody, the road to fatherhood is impeded by many legal obstacles. This course is a 60-minute presentation, which includes a lecture and PowerPoint presentation. The course will highlight some significant United States Supreme Court and State cases, which emphasizes the importance of the role of fathers in the lives of their children. In this course, advocates and lawyers will explore the obstacles faced by fathers in the field of Family law. Special emphasis is given to the function and effectiveness of the civil and criminal procedures, which govern child support and child custody issues. Advocates and lawyers will examine such topics as litigation v. non-litigation (alternatives to court proceedings), the best interest of the child standard, legitimating, and how to effectively seek custody. Participants will also look at the hidden injustices associated with advocating for male clients in family court proceedings. Moreover, this course will review the issues that face imprisoned parents and their duty to child support.