

Practice Standards

December, 2012

Section XIX, Representation of Persons in Proceeding to Determine Parentage

1. TRAINING AND COMPETENCY:

A. Absent a knowing and intelligent waiver by the party represented, all attorneys who represent parties in proceedings under the Parentage Act must demonstrate proficiency or receive training specific to the representative of punitive parents under the Act.

B. All attorneys must have a working knowledge of the Uniform Parentage Act, statutes, and rules, as well as cases interpreting and applying them.

C. In addition to basic legal knowledge, the attorney must have and continue to develop basic trial skills, basic advocacy skills, relevant motion practice, and a sufficient understanding of writ and appellate practice to advise a client whether and how to seek such remedies and to protect the record in the District Court.