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# **CHILDREN'S ATTORNEYS PROJECT**

# Case Number: 2024-006173 \*Urgent

Five siblings were removed from their home and are now in the custody of the Department of Family Services (DFS) due to allegations of parental substance abuse, neglect, and sexual risk. This family has an extensive history with the Agency, with all parents having multiple children removed in the past. At this time, these siblings are in need of an attorney to represent them. **Next Hearing(s): Trial on 10/24/2024 9:45 am in Courtroom 11.** 

# Case Number: 2024-008501

DFS took custody of a 9-year-old girl and her 5-year-old sister—who has a separate case—after allegations of sexual assault by the mother's boyfriend. The minor has endured years of abuse from her mentally-ill mother, and the removal occurred due to maternal neglect of an infant sibling resulting in death. At this time, this girl needs an attorney to represent her. **Next Hearing(s): TBD** 

# Case Number: 2024-009871

Two sisters, an 18-year-old and 15-year-old, came into custody of The Department of Family Services (DFS) with their sibling group consisting of five other children. The children were removed due to allegations against the natural mother and stepfather posing both physical risk and injury to the subject minors. DFS notes ongoing concerns of domestic violence taking place in the family's residence. The two sisters have since been placed with their natural father across state lines. At this time, the two sisters require an attorney to represent their legal wishes and rights as to permanency, placement, visitation, and to ensure appropriate services are in place. **The next hearing is a Disposition Hearing on 10/15/2024 at 10:00 a.m., Courtroom 6.** 

# Case Number: 2024-010283

Two sisters, ages 4 and 7, came into custody of the Department of Family Services (DFS) due to parental drug use posing both an immediate and present danger to the subject minors. The Natural Mother, whose whereabouts remain unknown, has an ongoing history of drug abuse resulting in reckless decision-making rendering her unable to provide a safe and secure environment for the subject minors. The Natural Father is unhoused and similarly unable to provide an adequate home environment. Currently, both sisters are placed with their Maternal Great Grandmother and are in need of an attorney to represent their legal wishes and rights as to permanency, placement, visitation, and to ensure appropriate services are in place.

# Case Number: 2024-010412

A two-week old girl is currently in custody of the Department of Family Services (DFS) due to concerns of physical risk and inadequate shelter. DFS has identified that the child's mother has severe mental health concerns as well as general cognitive delays. Consequently, the child's mother demonstrates a lack of awareness of proper child rearing and is unable to ensure the safety and well-being of the child. The mother's older child has been removed from the mother due to similar causes in a previously closed case. The two-week old is in need of an attorney to represent her legal wishes and rights as to permanency, placement, visitation, and to ensure appropriate services are in place. **The next hearing is to be determined and will take place in Courtroom 13**.

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#### Case Number: 2024-010340

A 17-year-old girl came into custody of the Department of Family Services due to maternal abandonment. The mother's extensive history of drug abuse as well as her constant vacillation between incarceration and houselessness renders her unable to substantively care for the child. Disagreement over the subject minor's behavior has led to her temporary caregiver refusing to continue performing essential duties related to the child's well-being. Subject minor has a concurrent yet unrelated delinquency case. This child requires an attorney to represent her legal wishes and rights as to permanency, placement, visitation, and to ensure appropriate services are in place. **The next hearing is to be determined and will take place in Courtroom 12.** 

#### Case Number: 2024-010566

A sibling group containing five children– ages 14, 12, 6, 2 and 1 month– came into custody of the Department of Family Services (DFS) due to reports of physical risk. DFS was alerted to the situation when the 1-month old was born substance-dependent upon the mother's delivery. The mother is reported to have untreated mental health concerns and a history of unsuccessful drug rehabilitation attempts at various facilities. The natural father of the 2-year-old and 1month-old struggles similarly with substance abuse, resulting in impulsive behavior and poor emotional regulation. The remaining children in the sibling group have differing paternal backgrounds with little to no contact with their natural fathers due to various circumstances. These children require an attorney to represent their legal wishes and rights as to permanency, placement, visitation, and to ensure appropriate services are in place. **The next hearing: TBD** 

#### Case Number: 2024-005125

A newborn 5-month-old infant came into CCFS (Clark County Family Services) custody due to reports of repeated risks to the child's physical safety. CCFS was alerted to the situation due to an emergent hospitalization of the subject infant stemming from neglect and a lack of resources. The mother and father, both currently unhoused and lacking substantive employment, have a series of mental disabilities that resulted in extensive involvement from CCFS. Four other children have been removed from the parents in a separate, active case. At this time, this infant is in need of an attorney to represent his wishes and legal rights as to permanency, placement, visitation and to ensure appropriate services are in place. **The next hearing: TBD** 

#### Case Number: 2024-011204

A 14-year-old boy has come into custody of CCFS (Clark County Family Services) due to multiple allegations of sexual molestation, abuse and neglect by multiple individuals, all of whom affiliated with the parents, towards both him and his older sibling. The subject minor reports sexual abuse by the father's former roommate on several occasions. The parents display a repeated lack of motivation to implement interventional measures to protect the children and are unwilling to collaborate with CCFS in communicative efforts. The subject minor's older sibling is in the same case under different representation; however, this young boy is in need of an attorney to represent his wishes and legal rights as to permanency, placement, visitation and to ensure appropriate services are in place. **The next hearing is a Permanency Planning Hearing on March 19th, 2025 in Courtroom 11.** 

#### Case Number: 2024-010743

A 16-year-old is in custody of CCFS due to severe allegations of sexual abuse by the adoptive father. Multiple instances of sexual abuse, occurring to both the subject child and the child's infant siblings, resulted in CCFS intervention. The mother lacks the protective capacity to ensure preventative measures of the sexual abuse. The father's repeated sexually devious behavior threatens the child's wellbeing, including attempting to capture illicit photos of the child without her consent by stowing an obfuscated camera in the child's bedroom. There is a concurrent related open case stemming from similar conditions that resulted in the removal of the subject minor's siblings. **The next hearing; TBD** 

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### Case Number: 2024-010392

A 9-month-old infant is currently in the custody of Clark County Family Services (CCFS) on account of child endangerment. The mother's mental health concerns, exacerbated by repeated drug use, leads to hallucinations, impaired judgement, and imagined threats of harm. The most recent episode resulted in her unexpectedly absconding with her children and traveling on foot carrying a non-functional firearm, exposed to unsafe conditions, for what is predicted to have been the entirety of the day. The child has an older sibling in a separate, open case resulting from the same incident. This child, however, is in need of an attorney to represent her wishes and legal rights. **The next hearing is to be determined and will take place in Courtroom 10.** 

# Case Number: 2024-011089

Three siblings, a two-year-old and a twin pair of one-month-old infants, came into the custody of CCFS due to parental drug abuse. Both parents have an extensive history of drug abuse and difficulty in maintaining sobriety. They both lack motivation to discontinue drug use despite the apparent detriment this usage poses to their ability to care for their children. Currently, the twin infants are in the NICU suffering from withdrawal symptoms, including tremors and difficulty sleeping. These three siblings have eight older siblings in closed cases, seven of which are no longer in the parent's care. **The next hearing is an Adjudicatory Plea Hearing on October 15th, 2024 in Courtroom 12.** 

#### Case Number: 2022-015430 \*Urgent

A 2-year-old boy came into custody of Clark County Family Services (CCFS) due to severe physical abuse and maltreatment resulting in emergent hospitalization. Medical professionals observed multiple lacerations, scratches, bruising and scabbing on various regions of his body. Both the mother and father have a concurrent pending felony charge for Child Abuse– the extent of the parent's beating has resulted in the death of one of their other children. Additionally, there is frequent domestic violence between mother and father and hazardous living conditions within the household. At this time, this child is in need of an attorney to represent his wishes and legal rights. **The next hearing is an Adjudicatory Hearing Plea on October 16th, 2024 at 2:00 p.m., as well as a Disposition Hearing occurring simultaneously, both occurring in Courtroom 9.** 

## Case Number: 2024-011243

A one-month-old baby girl is currently in CCFS (Clark County Family Services) custody due to parental drug abuse and inadequate supervision on part of the mother. The mother's current incarcerated status renders her incapable of providing a sustainable environment suitable for her child's safety. A history of drug abuse has resulted in the infant being substance-dependent upon delivery. Currently, this baby girl is in the NICU experiencing withdrawal symptoms and needs an attorney to represent her wishes and legal rights. **The next hearing will take place on October 15th, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in Courtroom 12.** 

#### Case Number: 2020-008675

A sibling group of five, ages 11, 10, 9, 5, and 2 years old, is in the custody of CCFS (Clark County Family Services) due to allegations of parental neglect and inadequate supervision. This particular removal was initiated upon reports of the children remaining unsupervised in a hotel room for an unspecified, prolonged period of time. Both parents, though, have an extensive history of departmental intervention for alleged physical abuse, drug-exposure, and educational neglect. Persisting housing instability places the children at-risk and, additionally, there is an ongoing investigation of drug abuse in the children's environment. **The next hearing is on November 12th, 2024 at 2:15 p.m. in Courtroom 11.** 

# Case Number: 2024-011872

An 18-year-old boy was removed from his parents by Clark County Family Services (CCFS) due to allegations of sexual assault, domestic violence, and substance abuse against the parents. The removal was conducted in response to a report from the subject minor's younger sister indicating a sexual assault perpetrated by the father. The siblings, removed under the same case, have conflicting accounts of the allegation and require respective representation to voice their perspectives. This 18-year-old boy needs an attorney to represent his wishes and legal rights as to permanency, placement, visitation and to ensure appropriate services are in place. **The next hearing is on January 8th, 2025 at 10:15 a.m. in Courtroom 11.** 

# **CIVIL/CONSUMER**

# Case Number: 2024-008411

Applicant met Tracy about 15 years ago while working for the same employer. Applicant trusted Tracy and appointed her as a rep-payee. Applicant informed that for the past five years Tracy help manage his affairs. However, Tracy started to show less interest in helping and became unreliable. Due to non-payment of rent applicant was evicted. Thereafter, Tracy placed all of applicant's personal items in storage. Applicant states that the storage lease is under Tracy. She promised to make monthly payments. Applicant found assistance for independent living and a care manager. Applicant has removed Tracy as his rep-payee. After, multiple attempts to make contact, Tracy has not disclose any information about his personal property. It is unclear if monthly storage payments are current or if items have been auction due to non-payment of storage unit. Applicant states he does not have receipts, pictures or video of items. However, personal property consist of clothes, shoes, electronic, and kitchen items (less than \$10k). Applicant provided Tracy's contact number and will try to find an address. Applicant is seeking help from an attorney to reach out to Tracy, to disclose information about his personal items in order to retrieve them. There is a vendor who is willing to do skip tracing probeno.

# Case Number: 2024-011035

Adverse party's pet husky attacked client's pet Chihuahua. Client states that she was cleaning her front patio at her apartment and that the husky rushed client and then rushed her pet. Her dog sustained several wounds and was taken to the animal hospital. Client is now responsible for Vet bill of \$195.22. Client needs assistance to have adverse party pay the bill because she cannot afford it. The pet husky of adverse party has a pending case already with Animal Control.

#### Case Number: 2024-004847 (Spanish Speaking)

Client had a small business in which he was using his truck for transport. Client was having trouble with truck and took his vehicle in for estimate and repair to J&S Diesel Service. Client states that he took vehicle in for estimate and did not agree to repair. Client wanted to know cost first so that he could shop around for a good price. J&S automatically started making the repairs and gave the client an invoice for \$1770. J&S started threatening to keep the vehicle unless client paid \$1000 to remove vehicle from shop. Client ended up paying the \$1000 but received the vehicle in pieces and intake had to have his truck towed away. Client then takes vehicle to Diesel Specialist for repairs of vehicle that cost \$9396.54 Client would like assistance in getting amount paid to repair the vehicle from adverse party.

#### **GUARDIANSHIP**

# Case Number: 2024-011451

Grandparents are petitioning for guardianship of 3 month old grandchild. Mother has mental health issues and father is not capable of caring for child. Mother is also under guardianship. Next hearing: 1/16/25 @ 11:00am.

#### Case Number: 2024-011455

Grandmother is petitioning for guardianship of 15 year old grandchild with disabilities. Both mother and father kicked child out of home. **Next hearing: 11/19/24 @ 1:30pm.** 

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APPEALS Available upon request

# **FEDERAL**

# Case Number: 2024-005584

Plaintiff alleges that staff at High Desert State Prison, where he is currently incarcerated, violated his First Amendment rights by opening his civil legal mail outside of his presence.

## Case Number: 2024-006034

This inmate alleges that the staff at the prison failed to secure him in a moving van, which was involved in a T-bone auto accident. He sustained injuries from this accident, but the staff failed to provide him immediate medical care. By the time the inmate received medical care, his spinal injury progressed to the point where he needed spinal surgery. He also did not receive any post-surgery pain medication from the surgeon, leading to more pain and suffering. At this time, this inmate needs an attorney to represent him.

#### Case Number: 2023-014277

Client seeks help with a breach of contract case following a car accident. The case is currently stayed. Plaintiff is a senior citizen. The client has two insurance policies a \$500,000 accident policy which included underinsured motor vehicles and an additional umbrella policy. The client believes these policies covered her during the accident and sued in the 8th Judicial Court of Nevada. The defendants removed the case to federal court based on diversity jurisdiction. After the removal, clients attorney withdrew from the matter. Client has subsequently suffered from a second motor vehicle accident resulting in additional injuries, and may need to file a second complaint or amend her current complaint. The client needs representation in the breach of contract claim.

#### Case Number: 2024-007538

Client has end stage kidney disease and has filed a 1983 claim involving adverse side effects of prescribed medication and deliberate indifference to medical treatment needs. This client needs an attorney to represent him.

#### Case Number: 2024-000439

This client alleges that corrections officers incited other inmates to harass and attack him. He sustained injuries from the attack and now suffers from nerve damage. According to the client, the officers took his personal property away and destroyed it without the appeal process. The client needs an attorney to represent him to recover for the damages he sustained.

# Case Number: 2024-009265

After attending court, the client was standing in the CCDC holding rotunda when he was allegedly assaulted by a corrections officer, who allegedly slammed his head into the concrete while he was restrained and without provocation. He is seeking damages for deliberate indifference, intentional infliction of emotional distress and negligence.

#### Case Number: 2024-008387

This is a dispute over the guardianship, trust, and estate of plaintiff's mother. Trust divided assets equally. Plaintiff believes she is entitled to punitive damages due to oppression and hardship caused by the original petitioner. This client needs an attorney to represent her.