GAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE (DAY 1)
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2025
5 Hours CLE

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	*Registration / Sign-in*
8.50 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	*Welcome and Announcements* *Hon. Duffy, Emcee & John Pratt, MCBA BOG President*
9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	***Stuck in the Middle: Kids, Courts, and GALs*** *Dr. David Thompson [75 mins]*
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	*Morning Break*
10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	***Stuck in the Middle: Kids, Courts, and GALs*** *Dr. David Thompson [75 mins]*
11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	*Lunch (Not Provided)*
1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	*Sponsor Presentations – Our Family Wizard & SoberLink*
1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	***Monday Morning Quarterback: Problem Solving*** *Panel Discussion [90 mins]* *Participants:* • *Dr. Kelly Knutson, PsyD* • *Nargis Khokar, JD* • *Helen Ogar, JD* • *Todd Roseberry, JD*
2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	*Afternoon Break*
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	***BETWEEN SCYLLA AND CHARYBDIS: Navigating Ethical Dilemmas for Lawyers Helping Kids*** *Hon. Scott Kording [60 mins]*
4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	*Closing Remarks*
4:15 p.m.	***Social Hour with Light Appetizers*** *Sponsored by McLean County Bar Association*

GAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE (DAY 2)
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2025
5.5 Hours CLE

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	*Registration / Sign-in*
8.50 a.m.	*Welcome and Announcements* *Hon. Duffy, Emcee*
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	***Autism*** *Dr. Nicole Moore [60 mins]*
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	*Morning Break*
10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	***GAL's: A Judges Perspective (including GAL reports)*** *Moderated by Hon. Carla Wheeler [90 mins]* *Participants:* • *Hon. Jennifer Ascher – Sangamon County* • *Hon. Dan Cordis – Peoria County* • *Hon. Victoria Kennison – Will County* • *Hon. Shelly Vescogni – LaSalle County*
11:45 pm - 1:00 p.m.	*Lunch (Not Provided)*
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	***High School in 2025: The More Things Change . . .*** *Joe Lewis [60 mins]*
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	***"'The Kids Were Asleep The Whole Time' and Other Lies GALs May Be Told About Family Violence"*** *Hon. Mary Koll [60 mins]*
3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	*Afternoon Break*
3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	***Trauma & Self-Care for GALs*** *Dr. Kelly Knutson, PsyD [60 mins]*
4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	*Closing Remarks*