





Competency verse *Humility*

Cultural Humility: challenges us to *learn* from the people with whom we interact, reserve judgement, and bridge the cultural divide between our perspectives, in order to facilitate well-being, and promote improved quality of life.



Serving our Child Clients

- Engaging with our clients in *culturally-humble* and *trauma informed* ways
- A legal skill many of us haven't been trained in
- What we are/represent to them as safe, educated, employed, agents of the traumatic experience.

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Who decides a child's culture?

- Not attorneys
- Not judges
- The families
- *Cultural Humility* is our greatest asset to serve in a trauma-informed, culturally respectfully and effective way.



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Colorado Models Rules of Professional Conduct

Rule 2.1 Advisor

Counselor

"In representing a client, a lawyer shall exercise independent professional judgment and render candid advice. In rendering advice, a lawyer may refer not only to law but to other considerations such as moral, economic, social and political factors, that may be relevant to the client's situation.

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Learning Humanity as a Litigator

- Some of us are great at this from the beginning
- Sometimes there is very little time to build communication with clients
- Practicing skills of counseling and listening
- Humility – knowing we have bias and our own views/values/experience impacts our work

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Representing Intentionality

Where do we learn our cultures?

How can we help see these differences?

How can we help children and families see and identify cultural strengths?

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Practice Ideas

Preparation

Awareness of Bias

Mind clearing

Writing

Forgiveness of our mistakes

Patience

Word choices

Listen and hear

Focus --- SAFETY, LONG TERM OUTCOMES related to values

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