

Mental Health Watchdog Hosting Legal Continuing Education Course for Attorneys

Recent changes to the Florida laws governing involuntary psychiatric examination and parental rights will be covered at this complimentary virtual event.

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- The [Citizens Commission on Human Rights of Florida](#) (CCHR) is hosting a virtual continuing legal education course for private practice attorneys on July 23rd from 1:00pm until 5:00pm. The complimentary event is open to attorneys licensed to practice in Florida and those wishing to attend may reserve a spot by calling CCHR at 800-782-2878.



CCHR Florida presents the Baker Act Defense Attorney Symposium & Summit

This conference is the seventh such event hosted by CCHR, a non-profit watchdog organization dedicated to restoring dignity and human rights to the field of mental health. CCHR began hosting these events as part of a campaign to protect individuals from human rights violations committed through the abusive use of the Florida mental health law, commonly called the [Baker Act](#).

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Recent proposed changes to the laws in Florida concerning the use of the Baker Act with children will afford much needed greater protection of parental rights.”

*Diane Stein, President CCHR
Florida*

Key topics at the conference include strategies to effectively serve families and to eradicate violations of the law, changes to the law, successful actions for defending the rights of citizens being held under a Baker Act as well as key points of the [Parents' Bill of Rights](#).

The event will be led by attorney Justin Drach of Theole Drach Law. A successful attorney practicing in Jacksonville, Mr. Drach was the 2017 recipient of the Citizens Commission on Human Rights Humanitarian Award for his tireless fight to end mental health abuse in Florida.

Also speaking will be attorney Kendra Parris from Orlando and the president for the Florida chapter of CCHR, Diane Stein.

While the original stated intention of the Baker Act was to protect the rights of citizens sent for involuntary psychiatric examination, it has become a source of abuse, prompting CCHR Florida to not only host this event but to launch a public information campaign to educate Floridians on their rights under this law. As part of this campaign, CCHR hosts a seminar regularly delivered online for the general public by attorney Carmen Miller who, as a former Assistant Public Defender in the Thirteenth Circuit in Tampa, has a great deal of experience on the mental health law. Now in the private sector, Ms. Miller specializes in cases of those who have been Baker Acted.

To learn more about the Baker Act or to reserve a spot at the next complimentary virtual seminar please email execdir@cchrflorida.org.

About CCHR: Initially established by the Church of Scientology and renowned psychiatrist Dr. Thomas Szasz in 1969, CCHR's mission is to eradicate abuses committed under the guise of mental health and enact patient and consumer protections. L. Ron Hubbard, founder of Scientology, first brought psychiatric imprisonment to wide public notice: "Thousands and thousands are seized without process of law, every week, over the 'free world' tortured, castrated, killed. All in the name of 'mental health,'" he wrote in March 1969.



Diane Stein, President of CCHR Florida, presented the 2017 Humanitarian Award to Attorney Mr. Justin Drach



Attorney Kendra Parris, the 2019 CCHR Florida Humanitarian Award winner.

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An experienced speaker, certified on the Baker Act, Diane Stein is sought after on topics ranging from involuntary psychiatric examination to mental health rights.

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