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Ann M. Haralambie is a Certified Family Law Specialist, Arizona Board of Legal Specialization, and a Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ rated attorney in private practice in Tucson, Arizona since 1977. Her practice is restricted to family and (nondelinquency) juvenile cases, with an emphasis on custody and child abuse. The practice is child focused and seeks to minimize the harm that often occurs when child custody is litigated. Ms. Haralambie is also an author and a national and international speaker and trainer for professional groups on topics related to custody, child abuse, and child advocacy. She serves as a consultant to and member of a number of



national organizations dealing with family and child welfare law. She has served in a number of leadership roles within the legal and child welfare communities. An important part of her law practice is a balance between practical, day-to-day representation of clients and legal scholarship and teaching. The client representation grounds her writing and lecturing in real world, practical experience. Her writing and research keeps her knowledge cutting edge and her representation grounded in law and policy. Ms. Haralambie's three-volume West book, a third edition published in November 2009, is supplemented annually. Her three major law books are written primarily for a legal and multi-disciplinary professional audience. Ms. Haralambie's treatise, *Handling Child Custody, Abuse, and Adoption Cases* is a one-stop resource that combines coverage of the law with proven trial strategies and hands-on practice tools in child custody, abuse, and adoption cases. It covers a full range of crucial topics, such as establishing parentage, proving abuse, terminating parental rights, drafting mediation agreements, and awarding joint custody. **Contact:** Ann.Haralambie@azbar.org

Marvin Ventrell founded the Juvenile Law Society in 2009 following 15 years as the chief executive officer of the National Association of Counsel for Children. In his 26-year legal career, Mr. Ventrell has been a litigation firm associate and partner, a public defender, an association director, a policy advocate, a teacher, and a trial skills instructor. He is a recipient of the ABA Child Advocacy Award and the Kempe Award, and is a Fellow of the Colorado Bar Foundation. Mr. Ventrell co-directed the national program sponsored by the U.S. Dept. of HHS Children's Bureau that established Child Welfare Law as a formal legal specialty and created the Child Welfare



Attorney Certification Program. He co-edited the national treatise, *Child Welfare Law and Practice*, and compiled the national examination for child welfare law proficiency. He is also the author of numerous articles and book chapters including, *The Evolution of the Dependency Component of the Juvenile Court*. Mr. Ventrell is responsible for the creation of the National Children's Law Office Project that supports the creation and maintenance of model children's law offices through the project publication, *Children's Law Office Guidebook*. Together with the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA), Mr. Ventrell established the annual NITA *Rocky Mountain Child Advocacy Training Institute*, now in its 17th year. He serves as a faculty trial skills trainer for NITA's National, Regional, and Specialty Programs. He published *Trial Advocacy for the Child Welfare Lawyer* in 2011. **Contact:** mventrell@me.com