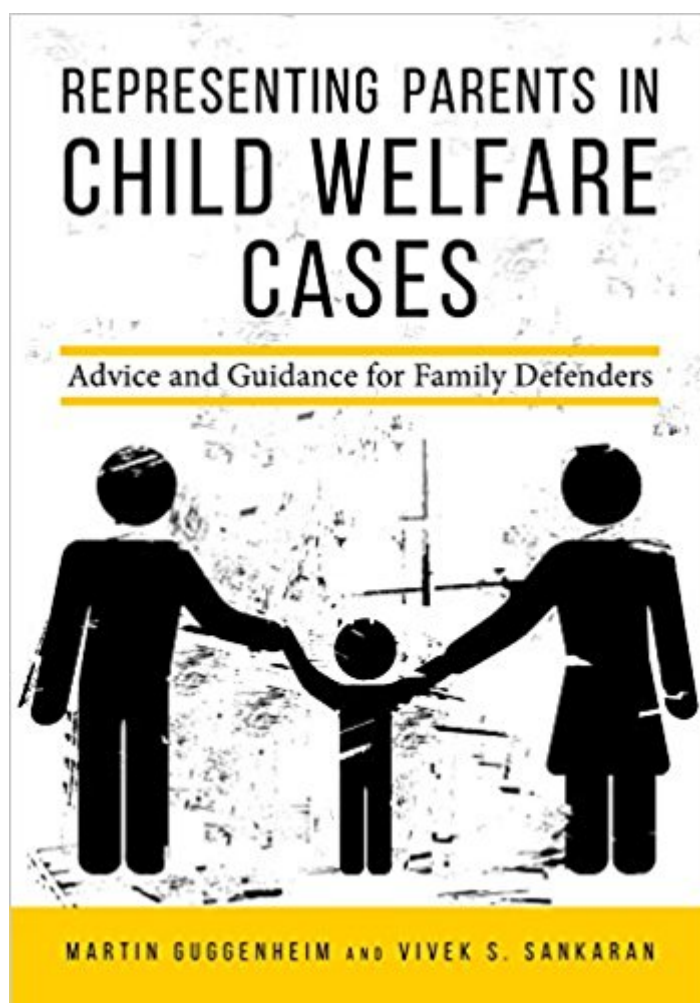


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# Representing Parents In Child Welfare Cases: Advice And Guidance For Family Defenders



## Synopsis

Representing parents in child welfare cases can be a lonely job. Natural biases against an accused parent can create substantial obstacles. This book is a practical step-by-step guide for attorneys representing parents accused of parental unfitness due to abuse or neglect. Leading experts provide insights into every aspect of the legal process, from the initial interview with the parent(s), through court hearings, to issues attendant to the Child Abuse and Neglect Registry System.

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This would be very helpful to any attorney representing parents in child welfare cases. Very thoughtful and thought provoking!

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