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COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES: NAVIGATING FAMILY DEFENSE IN FELONY CASES

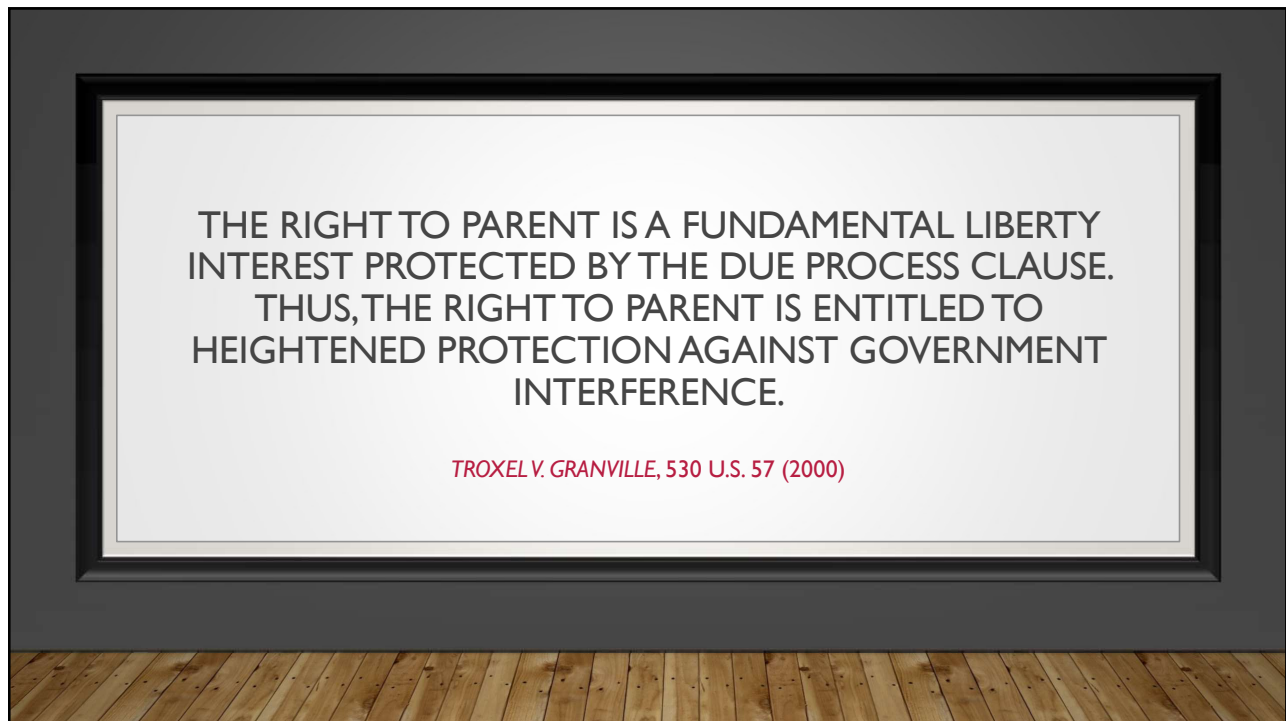
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THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY DEFENSE: BEFORE IN COLORADO

“Based on the data received, it is the conclusion of the project team that the practice of law representing parents in Colorado dependency cases is typically adequate but rarely proficient. It is our further assessment that the cause of sub proficient practice is not unwillingness of counsel to provide proficient service but rather the existence of practice, administration, and court systems which discourage optimal practice.”

• The National Center for State Courts, National Council for Juvenile and Family Court Judges, and National Association of Counsel for Children, State of Colorado Judicial Department Colorado Needs Assessment (March 2007)

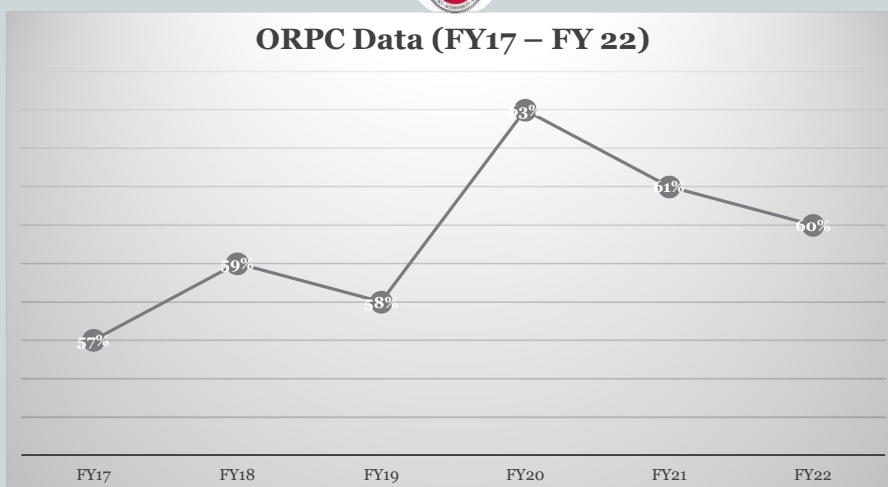


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Reunifications are Going Up



ORPC Data (FY17 – FY 22)

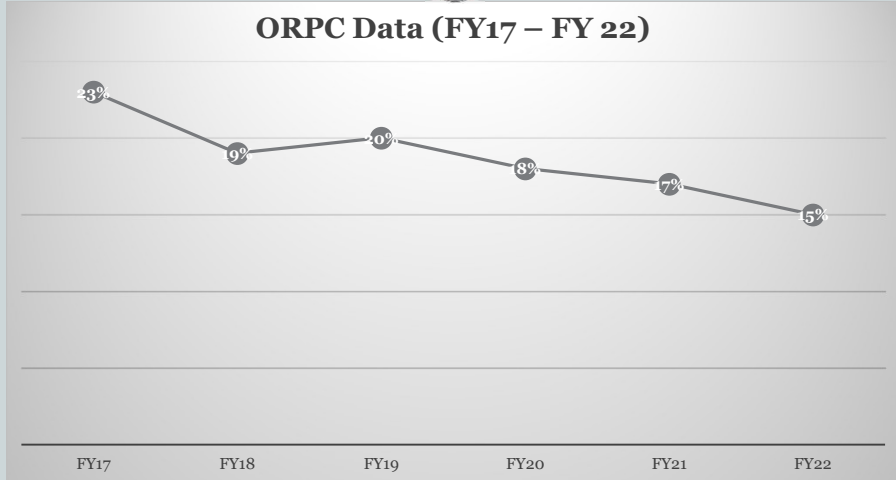


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Terminations are Going Down



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CO-OCCURRING CRIMINAL AND FAMILY CASES

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- Family and Criminal Case Have Identical or Nearly Identical Facts
 - Child Abuse
 - Sex Assault on a Child
- Family and Criminal Case Have Different Facts (though there is often overlap)
 - Drug cases
 - Traffic cases (esp. DUIs)
 - Domestic Violence cases
 - Literally any other criminal case that does not involve child abuse or SAOC

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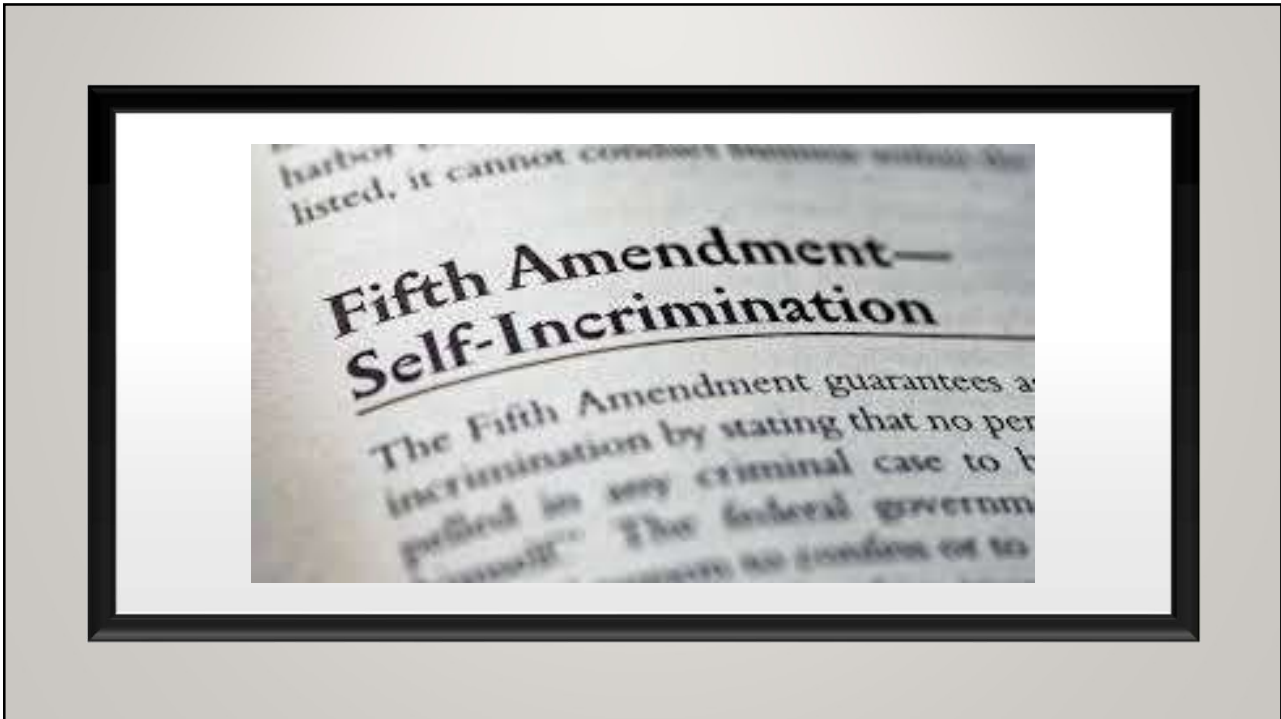
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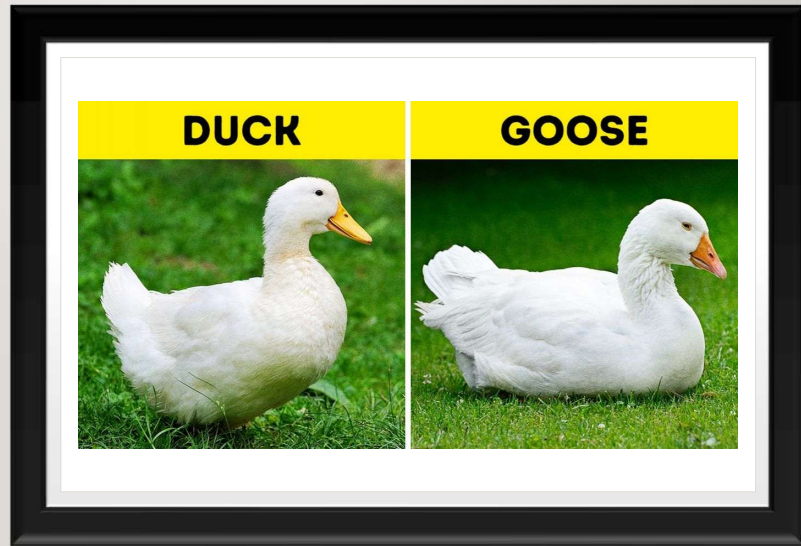


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DIFFERENT
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FACTS



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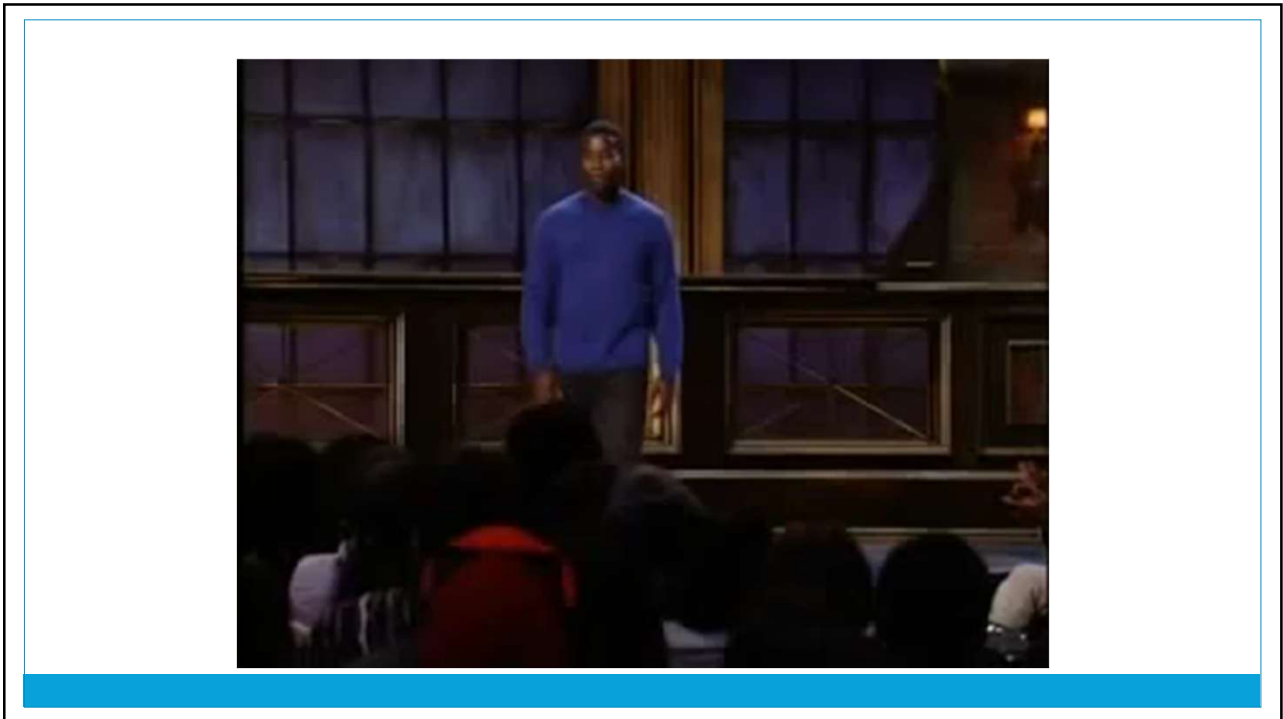
IDENTICAL
FACTS



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2025 Spring Public
Defender Conference

Session Eight:

Collateral Consequences:
Navigating Family
Defense in Felony Case

Thursday, April 24, 2025
2:35pm-3:35pm
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