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Happy Endings Introduction and explanation

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Representing Parents and Children in CPS cases can be overwhelming and exhausting. The legal complexities lawyers face, coupled with high case loads, system dysfunction, and the trauma inherent in the field can put lawyers at risk for burn out, compassion fatigue, and even secondary trauma.

However it can also been wonderful and empowering experience. Child welfare attorneys help those who are truly in need, they can make a monolithic system recognize unique individual circumstances, and they know that but for their work, children, parents, and families would not have their voices heard.

The purpose of the Happy Endings will be to celebrate that side of child welfare representation. This is an opportunity to share with others your parent's triumphs, your children's victories, your families' successes. If you have story that inspired you, we want to hear it. Please email your submissions to [Dylan.moench@txcourts.gov](mailto:Dylan.moench@txcourts.gov)

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