

Non-profit organization helping lawyers in polygamist case 🗣️

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EL DORADO -- As mothers by the dozen filed in to learn the fate of their children, it was the 350 lawyers who took center stage. Susan Hays of Dallas is one of them, appointed to protect the interests of a 2-year-old.

“I would certainly like to talk to the father of my child, but so far I don’t know his name,” said Hays.

The case is filled with issues few Texas lawyers have ever faced. So for help, many are turning to Texas Lawyers for Children, a non-profit that helps lawyers handle abuse cases.

“We been working late hours trying to get out resources out there,” said June Hubbell, Texas Lawyers for Children.

They've been busy finding articles and lining up experts on issues from polygamy to mind control, putting it all on line. Without this help, lawyers could make critical mistakes.

“Some members of the community have been taught that the color red is only worn by Christ and anyone wearing red is Satan imitating Christ. So lawyers need to know not to wear red around these children,” said Barbara Elias-Perciful, Director of Texas Lawyers for Children.

Back in El Dorado, the sect opened its doors to CNN, trying to show itself as a safe place. But the decision on that is up to the courts and an army of lawyers, with a little help from a non profit in North Texas.