



The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Announce

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

DCF IN-SERVICE

APRIL 24, 2013
9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
4 Echelon Plaza
201 Laurel Rd.
Voorhees, New Jersey

Program Summary

The Division of Law's DCF Practice Group will be providing various presentations during this program. The topics and presenters are listed on the following pages. These programs, each of which will be 1.0 to 2.0 hours, will cover a variety of substantive and ethical topics directly related to the Group's Practice. Participants can earn up to 5.6 New Jersey credits.

Who Should Attend?

The In-service Program is for those attorneys and other legal staff assigned to the Division of Law's DCF Practice Group **only**. The Advocacy Institute has provided, or may provide, certain of these presentations, or similar presentations, for other government attorneys.

Who Is the Faculty?

See attached.

CLE Credit

NJ CLE Credit: This program has been approved by the Board on Continuing Legal Education of the Supreme Court of New Jersey for up to 5.6 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, up to 2.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism, and up to 5.6 qualify as hours of credit toward certification in civil trial law.

NY CLE Credit: Up to 3.0 substantive credits and up to 2.0 ethics (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy).

PA CLE Credit: Up to 3.0 substantive credits and up to 1.5 ethics (\$1.50 per credit mandatory registration fee required).

How Do I Register?

State Employees

Most State employees are able to register for this course by going to <http://reg.dcj.lps.state.nj.us/login.aspx?portalid=2> and creating an AGAI Course Registration account. To do so, your computer **must** be attached to the government's Garden State Network. Upon opening the AGAI Course Registration System home page, you will see the Create Account link in the Login Box. Click on it and create your account, which will include you selecting a user name and password. Once you create your account, you can access the AGAI Course Registration System at <http://reg.dcj.lps.state.nj.us/login.aspx?portalid=2> to register for future courses or to manage your account. Please retain your user name and password for your records.

Non-State Employees or State Employees not Connected to the Garden State Network

If you are not a State employee, or are otherwise unable to access the AGAI Course Registration System through the Garden State Network, kindly email the Advocacy Institute at: AdvocacyInstitute@lps.state.nj.us for an authorization code to allow you access to the AGAI Course Registration System through the My New Jersey portal. **Setting up your account through the portal is a two-step process, the details of which are set forth in the next two paragraphs.**

Once you receive the portal authorization code you will be prompted to go to the My New Jersey portal at <http://www.state.nj.us/> and create a portal account. This is Step 1 of the process, which you need only do once.

Upon setting up your portal account, you need to set up your AGAI Course Registration System account. This is Step 2. To do so, log on to the My New Jersey Portal <http://www.state.nj.us/>. Upon opening the AGAI Course Registration System home page, you will see the Create Account link in the Login Box. Click on it and create your account, which will include you selecting a new user name and password. Once you create your account, you can access the AGAI Course Registration System at <http://reg.dcj.lps.state.nj.us/login.aspx?portalid=2> to register for future courses or to manage your account. Please retain your user name and password for your records.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS & FACULTY INFORMATION

HOW TO BE PROFESSIONAL WHEN DEALING WITH YOUR ADVERSARY

The demands of litigation are seemingly never ending. Despite the pressures of these demands attorneys are both ethically and professionally obligated to treat other members of the Bar with whom they deal with courtesy and respect. This presentation will focus on what is expected of attorneys in terms of civility when dealing with their peers and will discuss strategies for doing so in those difficult situations where an adversary may be acting in a confrontational or inappropriate manner. **(9:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.)**

DAG Jim Harris has served as a Deputy Attorney General in the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for more than 25 years. During that time, he has worked in criminal justice, juvenile justice, and civil law. DAG Harris is currently Chief of the DYFS South section. In the past, he has litigated cases for clients that include the State Police, the New Jersey Judiciary, the Department of Corrections, the Division of Youth and Family Services and the Bureau of Parole. He has had numerous jury and non-jury trials involving civil rights, employment discrimination, whistle blowers, child abuse and parental termination. He has successfully argued numerous cases before the New Jersey Supreme Court and the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. He is a graduate of Rutgers University of Law, Camden, where he was Managing Editor of the Law Journal. DAG Harris also has an LL.M from Columbia School of Law in New York City.

GUIDELINES FOR USE OF EXPERTS IN COURT

This presentation will review best practice when mental health experts are required as witnesses to support FN and FG litigation. Use of experts in the investigative and guardianship phases of litigation will be discussed. The goal is to prepare DAsG to partner with DCP & P local office managers to instruct LO staff on how to choose and work effectively with experts based on guidelines that have been issued by DCF and good litigation practice. **(12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.)**

AAG Lauren Carlton joined the Division of Law in 1981 after graduating from Duke Law School. First hired as a Law Assistant, Lauren was a DYFS deputy for many years before being promoted to Assistant Section Chief for Consumer Protection and Securities, and then to Chief for a combined Securities and DYFS Section. Lauren has created and taught many courses for DYFS staff and for Deputies in lawyering skills and substantive DYFS law, created the DYFS DAG Manual and enhanced the DYFS brief bank. She is presently AAG in Charge for the DCF Practice Group and loves her work.

DCF APPELLATE CASES 2012-2013

This presentation will review published cases governing DCP & P cases that have recently been issued by the Appellate Division and Supreme Court. Tips on how to handle issues raised by the cases will be reviewed. **(2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.)**

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HANDLING PROTECTIVE SERVICES CASES SO THAT LONG TERM CONSIDERATIONS ARE PROTECTED

This course is designed for the Deputy whose main area of practice is in protective services/FN cases. The class will consider DYFS v. R.D. and how to prepare for “clear and convincing” evidence at a fact-finding hearing. In addition, the class will focus on when to file a “Motion for No Reasonable Efforts” and how to advise the client on dealing with the “non-offending defendant” where termination of parental rights litigation is a possibility. Finally, the class will discuss strategies on preparing the client for the potential termination of parental rights litigation. **(3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.)**

Michelle D. Perry-Thompson graduated from Temple University School of Law and has been licensed to practice since 1994. Prior to obtaining her law degree Michelle received her MSW and BSW from Rutgers University. Michelle joined the Office of the Attorney General in 2004 after working in private practice for 10 years. She has been assigned both guardianship and protective service caseloads and is currently handling a guardianship assignment in Camden County.

DAG Jennifer A. Lochel received her JD from Widener University School of Law in 2002 and a BA from University of Delaware in 1999. She clerked with the Honorable Diane B. Cohen, Presiding Judge Family Court from 2002-2003 and joined the Division of Law as a Deputy Attorney General in 2002. She was promoted to Lead Deputy in 2004.