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PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

HOW TO TRY A TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS (GUARDIANSHIP) CASE

**May 28, 2013
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Two Gateway Center
283-299 Market Street, 8th Fl.
Check in at Reception Desk
Newark, New Jersey**

Program Summary

This course is designed for DCF DAsG as part of "basic training" and provides guidance, practice and tips on how to present a guardianship trial. There will be lecture concerning the legal standard, but mostly, the class focuses on trial practice in this case type. We will review how to select which witnesses and documents to present to prove your case, how to assess and meet the defense case, how to conduct a direct of a psychologist expert witness (required in all guardianship cases) and how to create a winning strategy using the facts and evidence available. The class requires some homework before you come; a case scenario will be provided and you should be prepared to conduct a direct of the expert who authored the report you will receive and to lay a foundation for the investigative summary provided.

Who Should Attend?

This program is intended for deputies within the DCF Practice Group who have been designated to attend this training **only**.

Who Is the Faculty?

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.

Christina G. Ramirez graduated from Rutgers Law School in 2000 and clerked for the Hon. Hector DeSoto and Hon. Michael Nelson in Essex County's Criminal Court for one year. She joined the Division of Law in September of 2001 and has handled Union County's Guardianship Matters since then. Christina has also served as DCF-North's ICWA guru and has presented trainings in the past entitled "DAGs are from Mars and Psychologists are from Venus" and "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Guardianships But Were Afraid to Ask".

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 5.0 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

NY CLE Credit: 5.0 substantive credits (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy).

PA CLE Credit: 4.0 substantive credits (\$6.00 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

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