PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

DCF OVERVIEW OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES LITIGATION

September 17, 2013
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Two Gateway Center
283-299 Market Street, 8th Fl.
Newark, New Jersey

Program Summary

This program will cover various substantive and procedural issues commonly encountered in protective services litigation deputies handling these matters routinely face. Among the topics addressed will be an overview of DCF; the handling of referrals to DCF and findings; the law concerning abuse, neglect and confidentiality; decisions on whether or not DCF should intervene in a matter; and what to do in preparing for, and going to, court in these matters.

Who Should Attend?

This program is intended for deputies within the DCF Practice Group who have been designated to attend. Thus only those deputies with DCF who have been invited to attend should register.

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 deputy in the former DYFS section 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 DCF staff and for deputies in lawyering skills and substantive DCF law, created the *DCF DAG Manual* and enhanced the DCF brief bank. She is presently AAG in Charge for the DCF Practice Group (formerly DYFS Practice Group) and loves her work.

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 5.5 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism, and 5.5 qualify as hours of credit toward certification in civil trial law.

NY CLE Credit: 5.5 substantive credits (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy).

PA CLE Credit: 4.5 substantive credits ($7.50 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.