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PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

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

**November 7, 2013
10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex
8th Floor Conference Room
25 Market Street
Trenton, NJ**

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?

Lisa Landsman attended Cardozo School of Law and graduated in 1984. Lisa became a DAG in the DCF practice group in January 1985, and has spent her entire career as a DCF deputy. Lisa is the Section Chief for DCF-Central. Prior to becoming a DAG, Lisa was an adoption worker for the Division of Youth and Family Services.

Nora Pearce graduated from Seton Hall Law School and has been a member of the New Jersey Bar since 1988. She joined the Division of Law in September 1989 in the DCF practice group and is currently an Assistant Section Chief in the DCF-South Section. Nora has a Masters in

Counseling and Personnel Administration from the University of Maryland. Prior to the practice of law, she was employed by A.T.&T. as a Division Marketing Manager.

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 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.