



The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Announce

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

GUARDIANSHIP TRAINING

**February 12, 1015
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Two Gateway Center
283-299 Market Street, 8th Fl.
Newark, New Jersey**

Program Summary

This class is designed to assist Deputies who have been assigned to prepare a respondent brief in an appeal of a Judgment of Guardianship. There will be a review of the types of arguments generally made on appeal by appellants in those cases where the trial court found that the Division had satisfied the four prongs of N.J.S.A. 30:4C-15.1. This review will be followed by an in-depth analysis and discussion of the statute and case law related to those arguments. A lengthy exercise will follow wherein Deputies will be encouraged to critically analyze a fact pattern, assess the strengths and potential weaknesses of the Division's case, and formulate appropriate reply arguments citing case law.

Who Should Attend?

This program is intended for those within the DCF Practice Group who have been selected to attend. Please do not attempt to register for this program if you are not one of those selected to attend.

Who Is the Faculty?

DAG Eleanor Armstrong graduated *magna cum laude* from Case Western Reserve University School of Law in 1995. After completing a clerkship with the Honorable Amy Piro Chambers and the Honorable Glenn Berman in Middlesex County, Eleanor worked in private practice doing primarily insurance defense work and federal railroad litigation. She joined the Division of Law in 1998, and has represented the Division in both protective services and guardianship matters. In 2004, Eleanor was promoted to a lead Deputy Attorney General, and in 2008 she was promoted to Assistant Section Chief for DYFS-Essex.

DAG Merav Lichtenstein has worked as a Deputy Attorney General with the DCF-Essex Section since September, 2008. Prior to joining the Division of Law, she clerked for the Hon. Thomas Weisenbeck, A.J.S.C. in Morris County. Merav received her B.A. from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia and her J.D. from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in New York.

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 5.2 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism and 5.2 qualify as hours of credit toward certification in civil trial law.

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. Once your portal account is created you are prompted to enter your authorization code. This is Step 1 of the process, which you need only do once.

If you have already been issued an authorization code in the past you do not need to request another one. You can log into your account on the Garden State Network at <http://www.state.nj.us> and under the heading NJ L&PS Applications you will see the Attorney

General's Advocacy Institute's Registration System. Click on that and log into your account on our system.

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.