



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

APPELLATE WRITING FOR DCF DEPUTIES

April 30, 2019

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**R.J. Hughes Justice Complex
4th Floor Conference Room B-2
Trenton, New Jersey**

NOTICE REGARDING COURSE MATERIALS

You will receive the course materials on the day of the program.

Program Summary

This basic course in appellate writing and procedure will provide DCF deputies with a primer on the Division of Law's policies and expectations for handling appeals. The program will focus on brief writing, including properly formatting appellate briefs and identifying facts that are material and relevant to the issues on appeal. The Appellate Practice Group protocol for appellate brief review will be detailed, and the paramount importance of adhering to timely filing requirements and the consequences for failing to do so will be discussed.

Who Should Attend?

This program is only open to Deputy Attorneys General in the Division of Law's Department of Children and Families Practice Group. If you are not a DAG in the Division of Law DCF Practice Group, please do not attempt to register for this course.

Who Is the Faculty?

DAG Tosca E. Blandford-Bynoe is Section Chief of the DCF South Section of the Division of Law. She was previously an Assistant Section Chief and Lead Deputy. DAG Blandford-Bynoe has handled all types of cases in the DCF practice area. Before joining the DCF practice group, she was a deputy in the Labor Prosecution Unit, a program development specialist in the Office of Victim Witness Advocacy and an investigator in the Division of Criminal Justice. DAG

Blandford-Bynoe is a graduate of Rutgers University, Livingston College and Rutgers School of Law.

DAG Michelle D. Perry-Thompson is an Assistant Section Chief of the DCF South Section of the Division of Law. She manages attorneys in Atlantic and Cape May Counties who are assigned child protective service and guardianship caseloads and serves as the Attorney General's designee on the New Jersey Children in Court Improvement Committee. DAG Perry-Thompson previously served as a staff attorney for the Study Commission on Violence, and prior to that, worked in private practice as a civil litigator. She holds a BSW and an MSW from Rutgers University and a JD from Temple University School of Law.

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

NY CLE Credit: 2.0 substantive credits (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy).

PA CLE Credit: 1.5 substantive credits (\$3.00 mandatory registration fee required).

How Do I Register?

State Employees

Most State employees are able to register for this course by going to <http://reg2.dcj.lps.state.nj.us/lpcreg/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://reg2.dcj.lps.state.nj.us/lpcreg/login.aspx?portalid=2> to register for future courses or to manage your account. Please retain your user name and password for your records.