



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

Kinship Legal Guardianship: Making Eloquent Arguments for KLG

**November 22, 2021
9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.***

*Students will receive a timed agenda prior to the program.

WEBINAR

Program Summary

This program will provide a primer on Kinship Legal Guardianship, including review of recent changes in law and policy. The speakers will present a general overview of statutory authority, case law and case practice related to KLGs, with tips and tools on how to commence a KLG proceeding and the paperwork necessary for the timely filing and granting of a KLG complaint. They will also review motions to amend and vacate KLGs and discuss KLG subsidies and the role of the client during the KLG court process.

Eligibility

This program is only open to Deputy and Assistant Attorneys General in the Division of Law's DCF practice group and DCF agency attorneys invited to attend. Registrants will receive the course materials prior to the program date.

Faculty

DAG Lea DeGuilo is an Assistant Section Chief in the DCF North Section of the Division of Law. She has worked in the DCF Practice Group for over 25 years. DAG DeGuilo serves on the New Jersey Child Fatality Review Board. She has also conducted training on trial practice and evidential issues in child welfare cases. She holds a J.D. from Rutgers Law School-Newark where she received the Carol Russ Memorial Prize and served as the Editor In Chief of the *Women's Rights Law Reporter*.

Virginia “Ginny” Kenny, MSW is the Assistant Director overseeing Adoption Operations in the Department of Children and Families. As the Statewide Adoption Manager, she oversees statewide adoption staff who support the local office adoption units as well as Adoption and Kinship Legal Guardianship Subsidy. She received her Master's degree in Social Work from Monmouth University and an Adoption Certificate from Rutgers University.

DAG Cassandra E. Rhodes is an Assistant Section Chief in the DCF South Section of the Division of Law, supervising Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem Counties. DAG Rhodes is also an Adjunct Professor at Camden County College, where she teaches in the Paralegal Studies Department. Prior to joining the Division of Law, DAG Rhodes worked as an insurance defense attorney for both Liberty Mutual and the Weber Gallagher law firm. She graduated cum laude from Gwynedd Mercy College and holds a J.D. from Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

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 3.2 hours of Alternative Verifiable Learning Format (AVF) total CLE credit. Of these, 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

Registration

This program will also be held on November 23, 2021. DCF leadership will assign deputies to a session. They should register using the link in their registration email. Registered students will receive a confirmation email with a link to access the program on their assigned date.

Students must download Zoom before the webinar in order for the AGAI to record polling responses that are required for attendance verification and CLE credit.

The AGAI will be unable to verify attendance or grant CLE credit to students who have not downloaded Zoom before the webinar.