PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

Cross Examination in Child Welfare Litigation

April 25, 2022
2:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

WEBINAR

Program Summary

This program will present a comprehensive overview of "the greatest legal engine ever invented for the discovery of truth", cross–examination, with a focus on conducting an effective cross-examination in child welfare cases. The presenters will discuss a framework for how to think about cross, including both broad strategy and specific tactics. The presenters will cover when to conduct a cross examination and how to prepare an effective cross-examination by using collateral evidence. They will also explore impeachment tactics and address the unique considerations of questioning juvenile and expert witnesses.

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 Joseph Maccarone is a member of the DCF practice group that represents the Newark North East and Newark Center City Local Offices. He has litigated FN and FG matters and tried abuse and neglect cases involving complex orthopedic injuries, sexual abuse, murder, domestic violence and unexplained injuries. He previously served as a Special Deputy Attorney General, helping to secure a twenty-one million dollar settlement between the State of New Jersey and Standard and Poors. He started his career with LPS as a volunteer attorney with the Affirmative Civil Enforcement Group. DAG Maccarone holds an undergraduate degree from George Washington University and a J.D. from the New England School of Law.

DAG Sara Bennett is a member of the DCF practice group that represents the Newark Northeast Local Office, where her duties include handling the pilot run of the Essex County Safe Babies Court Team Program. She previously represented the Newark Center City Local Office and started her career at LPS as a law assistant in the DCF-North Section. DAG Bennett is a graduate of the J.D./M.S.W. dual degree program at Rutgers University and also holds a Masters in African American Studies from Colombia University.

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 1.5 hours of Alternative Verifiable Learning Format (AVF) total CLE credit. Of these, 1.5 qualify as hours of credit toward certification in civil trial law, 1.5 qualify as hours of credit towards newly admitted lawyers' requirements/civil trial preparation, and 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

Registration

Those who are eligible to apply should use the Zoom Webinar registration link in the Program Announcement email. Students who are registered will receive a confirmation email with a link to access the program.

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.