



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

Resource Parent Testimony at Termination of Parental Rights and Kinship Legal Guardianship Trials

April 25, 2022
2:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

WEBINAR

Program Summary

With the passage of the kin legislation in July 2021, it is important to consider offering testimony from resource parent(s) at kinship legal guardianship and termination of parental rights trials. This course will detail techniques for preparing a resource parent to testify at trial, including potential areas of cross-examination, strategic trial decision making and a review of NJRE 701. The presenters will also discuss relevant ethics issues, including RPC 3.4 (Fairness to Opposing Party & Counsel), RPC 4.2 (Communicating with Person Represented by Counsel) and RPC 4.3 (Dealing with Unrepresented Person).

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. 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*.

DAG Sandra Ostwald is a member of the DCF North Section of the Division of Law, where she handles all aspects of DCF litigation. She clerked for the Honorable Sallyanne Floria, Presiding Judge, Family Part, Essex County. DAG Ostwald holds an undergraduate degree from Rutgers College, and a J.D., cum laude, from Touro 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 1.5 hours of Alternative Verifiable Learning Format (AVF) total CLE credit. Of these, 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.