



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

The Role of the Interstate Compact on Juveniles and the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction & Enforcement Act in Division of Child Protection & Permanency Litigation

**April 25, 2022
11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

WEBINAR

Program Summary

This program will address the potential impact of the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA) and the Interstate Compact on Juveniles (ICJ) on situations where more than one jurisdiction is involved. The presenters will discuss situations where the compact applies, as well as the rules and regulations surrounding the ICJ and the process that should occur once the ICJ is triggered. This workshop will also provide insight into the relevant law and processes set forth in the UCCJEA, N.J.S.A. 2A:34-53, et. seq., including when the UCCJEA applies, determination of home state jurisdiction and circumstances where jurisdiction may be modified.

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

Shyra Bland is the Chief of the Interstate Compact Unit in Probation Services and the Deputy Compact Administrator for the New Jersey Judiciary. Ms. Bland previously served as the Assistant Chief Probation Officer in the Atlantic/Cape May Vicinage and as a Court Services Supervisor 2 for Probation Services in the Burlington Vicinage. Prior to joining the Judiciary, she served as the executive director for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Camden

County. Ms. Bland holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Monmouth University and a master's degree in criminal justice with a concentration in criminology from Saint Joseph's University.

DAG Amy Klauber Is a member of the DCF Central Unit of the DCF practice group, where she handles FG matters in Ocean, Middlesex and Monmouth Counties and FN matters in Middlesex County. Prior to joining the Department of Law and Public Safety, DAG Klauber was a solo practitioner, concentrating in family law, personal injury, real estate and commercial litigation. She was also a pool attorney with the Office of Parental Representation. DAG Klauber holds a J.D from Washington College of Law.

DAG Cynthia Schappell is an Assistant Section Chief in the Central Unit of the DCF practice group, supervising Mercer and Middlesex counties. Prior to becoming an Assistant Section Chief, DAG Schappell handled both FN and FG assignments in several counties. Before joining the Division of Law, DAG Schappell served as a deputy in the Division of Criminal Justice and as an Assistant Prosecutor in Cumberland County. She holds a J.D. from Seton Hall 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 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.

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