



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

**We Are Family (Feud)
An Overview of the Unique Aspects of Child Welfare Litigation**

May 6, 2024

1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**N.J. Forensic Science & Technology Center
1200 Negron Drive
Hamilton, New Jersey**

Program Summary

Child welfare litigation is both unique and challenging. This interactive program will cover some particular aspects of representing the Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P) including the statutory schemes that govern Children in Court cases and key areas of DCP&P practice. The presenters will also address common challenges that arise in court, including evidentiary objections, and will provide proven strategies for conferencing with the client, preparing for court and creating a strong trial record.

Eligibility

This program is only open to Deputy and Assistant Attorneys General in the DCF practice group and DCF agency attorneys invited to attend.

Faculty

DAG Pavitra Badami is a member of the DCF Metro Section of the Division of Law. She represents the Hudson West Local Office of the Division of Child Protection and Permanency in abuse/neglect and termination of parental rights cases, concentrating on FN and guardianship matters. DAG Badami previously worked in private practice. She clerked for the Honorable Maritza Berdote Byrne, P.J.F.P. in the Morris/Sussex vicinage. She holds an undergraduate degree from the Rutgers School of Arts and Sciences and a J.D. from Rutgers Law School – Newark.

DAG Kenneth Cabot is a member of the DCF Metro Section of the Division of Law, where he carries a diverse caseload for the Hudson West Local Office. Prior to joining the DOL, DAG Cabot clerked for the Hon. Sybil R. Moses, A.J.S.C. of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Bergen Vicinage. He holds an M.S. from the Rutgers University Center for Global Change and Governance and a J.D. Rutgers University School of Law –Newark.

DAG Samuel Fillman is a member of the DCF Central Section of the Division of Law. He represents Division of Child Protection and Permanency Local Offices in Mercer, Union and Middlesex Counties, handling termination of parental rights and abuse/neglect cases. He received a J.D. from New York Law School.

DAG Jessica Prentice is a member of the DCF-Appeals Section of the Division of Law. She briefs and argues matters before the Appellate Division and NJ Supreme Court. Prior to joining DCF-Appeals, DAG Prentice was a trial attorney in DCF-North, where she managed a motion and trial calendar, representing DCF in termination of parental rights and abuse and neglect cases. Before joining the Division of Law, DAG Prentice was a senior associate at a midsize firm specializing in complex commercial litigation. She served as a dual law clerk for the New Jersey Administrative Office of the Courts and the Hon. Margaret M. McVeigh, P.J.S.C., Chancery Division, Passaic County. DAG Prentice graduated, *cum laude*, with a B.A. in Psychology from the College of St. Elizabeth and received a J.D., *cum laude*, from Cooley Law School.

DAG Eliezer Sanchez-Silver is a member of the DCF Central Section of the Division of Law. He is assigned to the Division of Child Protection and Permanency Southern Monmouth County Local Office, where he handles an FN docket. He has also represented the Division in both protective services and guardianship litigation for 19 years. DAG Sanchez-Silver earned a B.A. from Rutgers University and a J.D. from Brooklyn Law School, where he was an Edward V. Sparer Public Interest fellow.

DAG Juliana Stiles is a member of the DCF South Section of the Division of Law. She represents the Camden Local Office of the Division of Child Protection and Permanency in both abuse/neglect and termination of parental rights cases. DAG Stiles represents DCP&P in cases at all stages of litigation, including multiple, highly-contested guardianship trials. Prior to joining the Division of Law, DAG Stiles clerked for the Honorable Jack M. Sabatino, P.J.A.D. She holds a B.S from Ithaca College and a J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

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Registration

Attorneys who are eligible to attend this program should fill out the registration form accessed through the registration email hyperlink.
