



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

Abusive Head Trauma Cases Is the Sky Falling or are the Courts Chicken Little?

**November 21, 2024
2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.**

WEBINAR

Program Summary

This program will examine recent court decisions on abusive head trauma. The presenter will evaluate whether there is a crisis with the diagnosis, discuss common defense tactics used before and during trial and provide insight on how to overcome them.

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

Matthew Torbenson is a Deputy District Attorney in the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office. He oversees the Domestic Violence, Sensitive Crimes, Child Protection and Advocacy, and Chapter 980 (sexually violent persons) Units within the office. Deputy District Attorney Torbenson has extensive training and experience in prosecuting complex child abuse and child neglect matters, specializing in child homicides, abusive head trauma (formerly shaken baby syndrome), child torture cases, inflicted burn injuries, medical child abuse, and child neglect. In the past year, he handled four abusive head trauma jury trials involving multiple defense experts.

Deputy District Attorney Torbenson previously served as the first Team Captain of the Child Protection & Advocacy Unit (CPAU), taking on the most difficult and egregious cases of child maltreatment. Prior to serving as the CPAU Team Captain, Deputy District Attorney Torbenson was the Team Captain of the Juvenile Sensitive Crimes Unit, where he successfully prosecuted complex cases, including gang sexual assaults and one of the first widespread "sexstortion" cases in Wisconsin's history. In addition to his expertise in child maltreatment, Deputy District Attorney

Torbenson successfully negotiated the first ever return of a child who was abducted by a parent to Japan, and partnered with the US Attorney's Office to negotiate the safe return of a child who was abducted by her mother to Mexico.

Deputy District Attorney Torbenson holds an undergraduate degree in History, Social Philosophy, and Criminology from Marquette University and a Juris Doctor from Marquette University 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 1.2 hours of 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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