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## PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

*The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present*

### **Special Education: Rights, Procedures, Advocacy Strategies and Issues For Children in Out-of-Home Placement**

**December 10, 2024  
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

## **WEBINAR**

### *Program Summary*

This program will explore special education rights and procedures and other education issues that can impact students with disabilities who are in out-of-home placement. The presenter will explain the evaluation and IEP development process, detail how to challenge school district decisions and list the remedies for special education violations. She will address discipline and mental health issues such as school refusal, detail how to identify a student's academic, social and emotional needs, and discuss enrollment, school transfer and graduation rights.

### *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*

**Nina Peckman, Esq.** is a staff attorney at Advocates for Children of New Jersey (ACNJ). She explains education law and advocacy strategies to parents and professionals working with children and assists parents in advocating for their children's education rights, including negotiating with school board attorneys to resolve disputes without litigation. Ms. Peckman provides education law workshops to parents and professionals and creates video presentations, fact sheets, guides and blogs. She co-authored the Essex County Bar Association's Disability Law, A Legal Primer, Sixth Edition and has authored and co-authored articles on education rights. Ms. Peckman is a member of the New Jersey School Law Committee and the Special Education Practitioner's Group and has participated in various work groups including the New Jersey Council on Juvenile Justice System Improvement Subcommittee on School-Justice Partnerships, Reentry Work Group, Educational Equity Work Group, and the Education Subcommittee of the Essex County Model Court. Prior to

joining ACNJ, Ms. Peckman was a staff attorney at the Community Health Law Project, providing legal representation to persons diagnosed with emotional, developmental or behavioral disabilities. She also served as general counsel of Engenderhealth. She earned a B.A. from Rutgers College and a J.D. from the Benjamin N. Cardozo 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 1.2 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.

The AGAI will be unable to verify attendance or grant CLE credit to students who have not downloaded Zoom before the webinar.