



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

A Year in Review: 2024 Published DCF Cases

April 7, 2025

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

**Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex
Judiciary Conference Center Classroom A
Fourth Floor, West Wing
25 Market Street, Trenton, New Jersey**

Program Summary

This program will provide a review of all 2024 published FN and FG cases and cover recent appellate trends impacting the DCF Practice Group.

Eligibility

This program is only open to Deputy and Assistant Attorneys General in the Division of Law's DCF practice group.

Faculty

DAG Michelle McBrian is a member of the DCF-Appeals Section of the Division of Law. Prior to this assignment, DAG McBrian worked in the Office of Public Integrity and Accountability – Corruption Bureau. In addition, she served as a DAG in DCF in Essex and Morris County. Prior to coming to the Division of Law, she was a supervisor at Northeast New Jersey Legal Services where she worked for six years. She served as an appellate law clerk for the Honorable Jose Fuentes. She received a B.A. with Honors from the University of Pennsylvania, served as a Peace Corps volunteer for two years before then obtaining a J.D. with Honors from Rutgers Law School – Newark.

DAG Renee Greenberg is a member of the DCF-Appeals Section of the Division of Law. Prior to this assignment, DAG Greenberg worked in the Affirmative Civil Rights and Labor Enforcement (ACRL) section where she represented the Division on Civil Rights & the Department of Labor and Workforce Development. In addition, DAG Greenberg worked in the Board of Public Utilities section and as a trial attorney in DCF-North, representing DCP's Hudson County offices in FN and FG matters and appeals arising from those cases. DAG Greenberg graduated, *magna cum laude*, with a B.A. from New York University, and received a J.D., *magna cum laude*, from the University of Miami School of Law.

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 Lakshmi R. Barot is a member of the DCF-Appeals Section of the Division of Law. Previously, she spent ten years as a trial attorney in Camden County where she handled cases on the FN, FG, FL and FC dockets. She was the MDT-Liaison and a member of the Race Equity Sub-Committee. DAG Barot earned undergraduate degrees in history and political science from the University of Vermont and a J.D. from Rutgers School of Law-Camden.

CLE Credit

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PA CLE Credit: 1.0 credit (\$1.50 mandatory registration fee required).

Registration

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