



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

APPELLATE WRITING FOR DCF DEPUTIES

**November 20, 2018
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
4 Echelon Plaza
201 Laurel Rd.
3rd Floor, Division of Law Library
Voorhees, New Jersey 08043**

You will receive the course materials on the day of the program.

Program Summary

This basic course in appellate writing and procedure will provide DCF deputies with a primer on the Division of Law's policies and expectations for handling appeals. The program will focus on brief writing, including properly formatting appellate briefs and identifying facts that are material and relevant to the issues on appeal. The Appellate Practice Group protocol for appellate brief review will be detailed, and the paramount importance of adhering to timely filing requirements and the consequences for failing to do so will be discussed.

Who Should Attend?

This program is only for Deputy Attorneys General in the Division of Law's DCF Practice Group who have been invited to attend.

Who Is the Faculty?

DAG Tosca E. Blandford Bynoe is Section Chief of the DCF South Section of the Division of Law. She was previously an Assistant Section Chief and Lead Deputy. DAG Blandford Bynoe has handled all types of cases in the DCF practice area. Before joining the DCF practice group, she was a deputy in the Labor Prosecution Unit, a program development specialist in the Office of Victim Witness Advocacy and an investigator in the Division of Criminal Justice. DAG Blandford Bynoe is a graduate of Rutgers University, Livingston College and Rutgers School of Law.

DAG Michelle D. Perry-Thompson is an Assistant Section Chief of the DCF South Section of the Division of Law. She manages attorneys in Atlantic and Cape May Counties who are assigned child protective service and guardianship caseloads and serves as the Attorney General's designee on the New Jersey Children in Court Improvement Committee. DAG Perry-Thompson previously served as a staff attorney for the Study Commission on Violence, and prior to that, worked in private practice as a civil litigator. She holds a BSW and an MSW from Rutgers University and a JD from Temple 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 2.0 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

NY CLE Credit: 2.0 substantive credits (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy).

PA CLE Credit: 1.5 substantive credits (\$3.00 mandatory registration fee required).