

New York Public Welfare Association
153rd Annual Summer Conference

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NYPWA Legal Series
July 17-20, 2022
The Saratoga Hilton Hotel

NYPWA Presentations for Attorneys, Interested Administrators, & Staff

All legal sessions are in-person only and will not be recorded. Local DSS attorneys are eligible for up to 10.5 hours of CLE credits with their paid registration and confirmed attendance.

Sign-in for CLEs opens 15 minutes prior to start of each session.

Monday, July 18, 2022

9:00am — 10:15am — City Center Meeting Room 1

APS Involuntary Interventions (1.5 CLEs, 75 minutes):

This presentation will include a review of APS statutes and regulations, with a brief overview of the Prevalence and Cost of Financial Exploitation Studies. It will also include a discussion on how and when DSS attorneys involve themselves in involuntary interventions (i.e., Access orders, STIPSOs, POA special proceedings, and guardianships)—as well as involuntary interventions deriving from EMDTs and OPWDD cases.

Presenter: **Morgan Thurston, Esq.**, Assistant Welfare Attorney, Onondaga County Law Department

1:30pm — 2:45pm — City Center Meeting Room 1

Updates on Family Court & Evidence (1.5 CLE, 75 minutes):

This session will review relevant court decisions involving evidentiary issues in child protective cases.

Presenter: **Vineet Chawla, Esq.**, Senior Team Leader & Legal Trainer, NYC ACS & **Marlee Galvez, Esq.**, SLegal Trainer, NYC ACS

3:30pm — 5:00pm — City Center Meeting Room 1

Child Welfare Case Law (1.5 CLEs, 90 minutes):

A review of child welfare case decisions issued between January and June 2022. Included will be cases related to FCA Article 10, TPRs, Fair Hearings, and others encountered in child welfare practice.

Presenter: **Mark E. Maves, Esq.**, Counsel to NYPWA

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

9:00am — 10:30am — City Center Meeting Room 1

Changes to Administrative Appeals and SCR Reform (1.5 CLEs, 90 minutes):

This presentation covers the complex changes to the process for administrative appeals challenging findings of child abuse and/or maltreatment that resulted from the enactment of SCR reform—as well as addressing common legal questions, providing an implementation update, and discussing implementation challenges and compliance strategies since the legislation took effect January 2022.

Presenter: **Cassandra Kelleher-Donnaruma, Esq.**, Senior Director, Division of Child Welfare and Community Services (CWCS), OCFS; **Kelleena Richards, Esq.**, Senior Attorney, ICAPP, CWCS, OCFS; **Lisa Ghartey Ogundimu, Esq.**, Deputy Commissioner, CWCS, OCFS; &

Steve Connolly, Esq., Director and Chief Administrative Law Judge Bureau of Special Fair Hearings, Division of Legal Affairs, OCFS

11:00am — 12:15pm — City Center Meeting Room 1

Overcoming Evidentiary Challenges in Domestic Violence (1.5 CLEs [.5 CLE in Ethics & Professionalism], 75 minutes):

An examination of recent cases of Domestic Violence (DV)/Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) as well as tips and ethical considerations in calling a survivor of DV/IPV as a witness. Topics to include DV legal cases, updates, evidence, and ethical witness preparation.

Presenter: **Jennifer Sadaka, Esq.**, Legal Trainer, NYC ACS & **Iman Akbar, Esq.**, Legal Trainer, NYC ACS

1:30pm — 3:00pm — City Center Meeting Room 1

Confidentiality Part I (1.5 CLEs, 90 minutes):

This session will review all things confidential, including the debut of the Confidentiality Handbook (Version 2022.5) and a compendium of confidentiality questions and answers. We will cover topics in the Handbook—especially any changes in the new version, which will include an Appendix with the recently revised LGS-01 records retention schedule. Questions are highly encouraged!

Presenter: **Mark E. Maves, Esq.**, Counsel to NYPWA

3:30pm — 5:00pm — City Center Meeting Room 1

Confidentiality Part II (1.5 CLEs, 90 minutes):

This session will review all things confidential, including the debut of the Confidentiality Handbook (Version 2022.5) and a compendium of confidentiality questions and answers. We will cover topics in the Handbook—especially any changes in the new version, which will include an Appendix with the recently revised LGS-01 records retention schedule. Questions are highly encouraged!

Presenter: **Mark E. Maves, Esq.**, Counsel to NYPWA

Wednesday, July 20, 2022

9:00 — 10:30 — Broadway 1&2

LDSS Attorneys' Meeting

LDSS counsel are invited to discuss any bills from the 2022 Legislation session that might impact Family Court or other LDSS legal practice. Included in the discussion will be legislation related to the qualifications for court ordered forensic evaluators, and a bill related to the rights of non-marital parents in adoption, surrender, and TPR proceedings. Please feel free to submit in advance any other suggestions for the discussion. Meetings at future conferences may include state counsel depending on issues that are brought forward.

Facilitator: **Mark E. Maves, Esq.**, Counsel to NYPWA

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