

SEMINAR

When DCF Steps Into Your Case

Be prepared to steer your client and your case through this complicated involvement

D. C. F.—three initials that may cause fear for parents in Massachusetts. DCF involvement in family law cases is on the rise. Would you know what to do if your client became the subject of a DCF investigation in the course of family law litigation? In this seminar, the panel of experts provides legal background and practice tips for the family law practitioner in working with DCF on behalf of your client.

Don't miss this opportunity to better understand the agency, the process, the law, and your role. Family law cases with DCF involvement pose unique challenges and require strategies for navigating the rules and procedures of this agency. Let our experts bring you up to speed, so you are prepared to meet these challenges head on. Whether you have yet to have a DCF-involved family law client or you have had many, this panel provides valuable information to ensure effective representation.

Agenda

- Anatomy of a DCF Investigation
- Administrative Appeals Process
- DCF Investigations in Relation to Other Court Investigations
- Key Cases and Regulations
- Evidentiary Issues
- Relationship Between GAL Reports and DCF Reports
- "Ask the Experts" Q&A Session

Faculty

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Dates & Location

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