

NOTICE TO THE BAR

FAMILY – PUBLICATION OF TRAINING MANUAL FOR PRO BONO COUNSEL REPRESENTING INDIGENT PARENTS IN CONTESTED PRIVATE ADOPTIONS

The Judiciary has published on its website a manual for pro bono counsel who represent indigent parents in contested private adoptions. In In the Matter of the Adoption of a Child by J.E.V. and D.G.V., 226 N.J. 90 (2016), the Supreme Court concluded indigent parents who face termination of parental rights in contested adoption proceedings have the right to appointed counsel. Consequently, judges now appoint pro bono counsel from the private bar to advocate for these indigent litigants. A training manual was developed to provide guidance to appointed counsel in navigating contested adoption proceedings. The manual is located in the section of the Judiciary's website containing other training materials for attorneys receiving pro bono assignments: <http://www.njcourts.gov/attorneys/probono.html>.



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