### NACC Members-Only Webinar Series

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<th>The Next Level: Appellate Practice in Child Welfare Cases (Part 2)</th>
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<td>An appeal is a powerful tool in the child welfare system. Not only are appeals a means to challenge legal errors and correct wrongs in individual cases, but they also can create broad change by obtaining precedent-setting decisions on wide-reaching legal questions. In this two-part webinar series on appellate fundamentals in child welfare law, the presenters will provide concrete tools and take-aways to attorneys filing and responding to appeals. This webinar series will be beneficial to both attorneys who have previous experience handling appeals and those who have not yet had the chance to do so. Part 2 of the webinar will build on Part 1, focusing on the procedural and substantive aspects of appellate practice in greater detail. The presenters will provide tips on drafting persuasive and powerful briefs and dispositive motions, give a refresher on effective usage of citations and proper formats, and offer guidance on how to prepare for and present an effective oral argument.</td>
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### Speakers

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