

# Wrongfully Indicted Client Wins Removal from Registry

## News

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A team led by Associate Ari Kanavy and former Partner Allison Torrence secured a Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) expungement. Our client approached the team because she had been wrongly indicated of child abuse and neglect. This resulted in her name being added to the Illinois State Central Register, which can have serious negative consequences including the potential of a juvenile or criminal case and losing custody of children.

Ari defended the client at a contested administrative hearing before an administrative law judge, where she skillfully cross-examined several DCFS witnesses and presented persuasive opening and closing statements. After hearing Ari's argument, the judge agreed that the State's evidence did not support a finding of child abuse or neglect and thusly removed the client's name from the Illinois State Central Register. Paralegal Sophia Goebel assisted with the hearing.

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