



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

ETHICS ISSUES FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY EXECUTIVE STAFF

**March 5, 2018
8th Floor Point Conference Room
25 Market Street
Trenton, New Jersey
10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.**

Program Summary

This course will examine ethics requirements for employees of the executive branch of State government, with an emphasis on issues that affect the Attorney General and Department of Law and Public Safety executive staff members. The course will cover the Conflicts of Interest Law, N.J.S.A. 52:13D-12 et seq., ethics rules, N.J.A.C.19:6.1 et seq., the Uniform Ethics Code, ethics-related executive orders and the Department of Law and Public Safety Supplemental Ethics Code. The presentation will address specific ethics subject areas that uniquely affect the Attorney General and executive staff members, including restrictions on acceptance of gifts, statutory provisions limiting reimbursement for out-of-state travel and requirements for documenting business meals. Attendance at events related to State duties will be discussed, including the circumstances when attendance forms are required and the nuances of filing out those forms for events commonly attended by executive staff members. The program will also cover precautions regarding political activity, identification and analysis of matters warranting recusal and the procedure for and scope of recusal. The program will be supplemented with discussion of additional ethics requirements from the Department of Law and Public Safety Supplemental Ethics Code. This session will satisfy the mandatory ethics training requirement for State executive branch employees.

Who Should Attend?

This program is only for members of the Attorney General's executive staff who have been invited to attend.

Who Is the Faculty?

Sherry L. Wilson, Esq. is the Ethics Training Officer for the New Jersey State Ethics Commission, where she is responsible for coordinating, developing, supervising and conducting comprehensive in-person and on-line ethics training programs for all employees in the Executive Branch of State government, which includes over 26 State departments and over 75 authorities, boards and commissions. She also plans and conducts orientations and quarterly continuing education meetings for over 100 Ethics Liaison Officers (ELOs) who work within various State agencies. Sherry reviews financial disclosure statements and provides general advice and counsel to ELOs, State officials and members of the public, regarding the Conflicts of Interest Law, the Uniform Ethics Code and other ethics-related issues.

Prior to joining the SEC, Sherry worked as an Assistant Professor and Assistant Program Chair for Wilmington University. As the Assistant Program Chair she managed all aspects of Wilmington University's New Jersey criminal justice programs at four campus sites. In that role, Sherry recruited, hired and mentored adjunct faculty. Integrating the latest advancements in pedagogy, curricula, technology and standards of academic excellence, she also developed and taught a variety of on-line and face-to-face courses, including Criminal Evidence and Procedure, Managing Diversity in the Criminal Justice Field, Ethics and Women and Crime. As Chair of the Faculty Development Day committee she led her colleagues in establishing full-day, bi-annual training programs to assist over 300-500 faculty in acquiring the skills, tools and strategies needed to personalize instruction, engage students and enhance learning.

Sherry previously served as a Deputy Attorney General for 11 years with the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General in the Division of Criminal Justice and Division of Law. During her tenure as a DAG, she prosecuted multi-million dollar Medicaid fraud and conspiracy cases, involving high profile doctors, dentists, pharmacists and other medical providers who cheated the system. In 2008, she was awarded the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor's Award for her excellence in legal work in the prosecution of "Operation PharmScam." While working for the Appellate Bureau, Sherry also handled criminal appeals on behalf of the State. She began her legal career in the Appellate Division of New Jersey as a law clerk for the Honorable Michael Patrick King and as an associate with Sterns and Weinroth, P.C.

Before commencing her legal career, Sherry was a tax analyst and cost accountant for E.I. DuPont De Nemours & Co. Sherry graduated with honors from both Temple University with a B.B.A. in Accounting and Widener University School of Law, where she earned her J.D.

CLE Credit

NJ CLE Credit: This program had been approved by the Board on Continuing Legal Education of the Supreme Court of New Jersey for 1.5 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 1.5 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

NY CLE Credit: 1.5 Ethics Credits (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy).

PA CLE Credit: 1 Ethics Credit (\$1.50 per credit mandatory registration fee required).

How Do I Register?

State Employees

Most State employees are able to register for this course by going to <http://reg2.dcj.lps.state.nj.us/lpcreg/login.aspx?portalid=2> and creating an AGAI Course Registration account. To do so, your computer **must** be attached to the government's Garden State Network. Upon opening the AGAI Course Registration System home page, you will see the Create Account link in the Login Box. Click on it and create your account, which will include you selecting a user name and password. Once you create your account, you can access the AGAI Course Registration System at <http://reg2.dcj.lps.state.nj.us/lpcreg/login.aspx?portalid=2> to register for future courses or to manage your account. Please retain your user name and password for your records.

Non-State Employees or State Employees not Connected to the Garden State Network

If you are not a State employee, or are otherwise unable to access the AGAI Course Registration System through the Garden State Network, kindly email the Advocacy Institute at: njagai@njoag.gov for an authorization code to allow you access to the AGAI Course Registration System through the My New Jersey portal. **Setting up your account through the portal is a two-step process, the details of which are set forth in the next two paragraphs.**

Once you receive the portal authorization code you will be prompted to go to the My New Jersey portal at <http://www.state.nj.us/> and create a portal account. Once your portal account is created you are prompted to enter your authorization code. This is Step 1 of the process, which you need only do once.

If you have already been issued an authorization code in the past you do not need to request another one. You can log into your account on the Garden State Network at <http://www.state.nj.us> and under the heading NJ L&PS Applications you will see the Attorney General's Advocacy Institute's Registration System. Click on that and log into your account on our system.

Upon setting up your portal account, you need to set up your AGAI Course Registration System account. This is Step 2. To do so, log on to the My New Jersey Portal <http://www.state.nj.us/>. Upon opening the AGAI Course Registration System home page, you will see the Create Account link in the Login Box. Click on it and create your account, which will include you selecting a new user name and password. Once you create your account, you can access the AGAI Course Registration System at <http://reg2.dcj.lps.state.nj.us/lpcreg/login.aspx?portalid=2> to register for future courses or to manage your account. Please retain your user name and password for your records.