



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS IN PLEA BARGAINING

April 4, 2018

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex

6th Floor Point Meeting Area – Attorney General's Library

25 Market Street

Trenton, New Jersey

PLEASE READ: NOTICE REGARDING COURSE MATERIALS

You will receive the course materials approximately forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date of the course. The materials will be contained in an email attachment.

Program Summary

This course will explore the ethical considerations attorneys should examine in plea bargaining and case disposition. Topics covered will include a review of the relevant Rules of Professional Conduct and an attorney's responsibilities to his/her adversary, the Court, and interested third parties. The program will also cover the practical aspects of filling out applicable New Jersey plea forms.

Who Should Attend?

This program is mandatory for all Division of Criminal Justice Deputy Attorneys General hired after January 1, 2015. The Division of Criminal Justice has notified those attorneys who are required to attend this program. Other attorneys within the Department of Law and Public Safety are welcome to attend; space permitting. Please do not attempt to register for this program if you are not an attorney in the Department of Law and Public Safety.

Who Is the Faculty?

AAG Sean F. Dalton joined the Division of Criminal Justice in November of 2017. Prior to joining DCJ, he served as Gloucester County Prosecutor from 2002 through 2017. Before becoming Gloucester County Prosecutor, AAG Dalton served as Municipal Prosecutor for the Boroughs of Glassboro and Paulsboro and as Gloucester County First Assistant County Counsel. AAG Dalton is Past President of the County Prosecutor Association of New Jersey (CPANJ) and has served as the New Jersey delegate to the National District Attorneys Association and as the CPANJ designee to the New Jersey Child Fatality and Near Fatality Review Board. AAG Dalton also served in the New Jersey General Assembly from 1993 through 1997. He obtained a B.S. from James Madison University and a J.D. from the Quinnipiac School of Law. After graduation, he completed a judicial clerkship with the Honorable Donald A. Smith in Woodbury, New Jersey.

DAG Cassandra Montalto joined the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice in November 2009. She is assigned to the Gangs and Organized Crime Bureau, where she has prosecuted and tried cases involving racketeering, distribution of controlled dangerous substances, weapons offenses, human trafficking, and the smuggling of contraband into correctional facilities. She has also prosecuted cases involving large scale wiretap investigations, including Operation Orale, Operation Pitchfork, Operation State Property, and Operation Family Affair. DAG Montalto received her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Muhlenberg College, and her law degree from Rutgers Law School, Newark in 2009.

CLE Credit

NJ CLE Credit: This program has 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 hours qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism and 1.5 qualify as hours of credit toward certification in criminal trial law.

NY CLE Credit: 1.5 ethics credits (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy).

PA CLE Credit: 1.0 ethics credits (\$1.50 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.