



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

UNDERSTANDING AND INVESTIGATING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

June 5, 2018

8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

NJ Forensic Science & Technology Center

1200 Negron Drive

Hamilton, New Jersey. 08691

COURSE MATERIALS

You will receive class materials prior to the date of the course. The materials will be contained in an email attachment. Resource materials will be distributed on the day of the program.

Program Summary

This program will provide assistant prosecutors and law enforcement personnel with an advanced understanding of domestic violence and the dynamics that make up this crime. The training will include an in-depth review of established best practices for investigating domestic violence cases, including addressing officer safety concerns and implementing safety protocols when responding to DV calls. The course will also cover understanding how cultural identities affect domestic violence and police response, why domestic violence victims may remain in abusive relationships or return to their abusers and how to best support victims and provide them with resources throughout the legal process. Upon completion of the program, attendees will be able to identify domestic violence and lethality indicators, practice strategies for maintaining safety when responding to domestic violence calls, demonstrate victim-centered domestic violence investigation approaches, and work more effectively with victims of domestic violence from a variety of cultures, religions, sexual orientations, races/ethnicities, and disability statuses.

Who Should Attend?

This program is only open to assistant prosecutors and law enforcement officers. Please do not attempt to register for this program if you are not an assistant prosecutor or law enforcement officer.

Who Is the Faculty?

Jennifer M. Eugene is an Assistant Prosecutor with the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office, where she is assigned to the Domestic Violence Unit. Since becoming an Assistant Prosecutor in 2012, Jennifer has worked in various units including Juvenile, Grand Jury, Trial, Child Abuse and Sexual Assault (now Special Victims), Human Trafficking, Appellate and Cyber Crimes. Jennifer began her legal career serving as a Law Clerk for the Honorable Greta Gooden-Brown and then worked as a general practice attorney before joining the prosecutor's office. Jennifer is a certified legal instructor with the NJ Police Training Commission, instructing new recruits attending the Mercer County Police Academy, and conducting annual trainings for officers and detectives throughout Mercer County as well as new volunteers for Domestic Violence Response Teams (DVRT). She holds a Bachelor's of Science in Psychology from Tufts University and a JD from Seton Hall School of Law.

Eric Hastings is a Sergeant with the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office. He currently supervises the Economic Crime, Insurance Fraud, Forfeiture and Domestic Violence Units and maintains continued assignments with Child Abduction Response and Officer Involved Shootings teams. He is also the Mercer County Counter Terrorism Coordinator and oversees CLEAR for the county. Eric has worked in the Domestic Violence, Grand Jury, Trial, Child Abuse Sexual Assault (Special Victims Unit), Bias Crimes, and Special Investigations Units and on the Mercer County Homicide Task Force, where he been the lead detective in many high-profile cases. Eric was involved with the early stages of Criminal Justice Reform/Detention Hearings and addressed how MCPO's investigative staff managed the law change. He orchestrated the merger of the Grand Jury and Trial Units to a vertical prosecution unit and proposed the creation of what is now the Digital Media Forensic Unit. Eric has received numerous commendations for his investigations. In 2017, Eric completed the FBI LEEDA Trilogy, receiving training in supervision, command and executive level decision-making.

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 6 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

NY CLE Credit: 6 Substantive Credits (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy).

PA CLE Credit: 5 Substantive Credits (\$7.50 mandatory registration fee required).

How Do I Register?

Please copy and paste the following link into your browser to register for this program through Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/domestic-violence-njsp-training-central-new-jersey-location-registration-44962734750?aff=affiliate1>

Please do not attempt to register through the AGAI course registration system.