



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

THE ASSISTANT PROSECUTORS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY 2018 CONFERENCE

**October 11, 2018
8:30 a.m.* – 4:00 p.m.
New Jersey Law Center
1000 Constitution Drive
New Brunswick, NJ**

***Registration is from 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**

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

Every trial attorney needs to master the law of evidence. This program will emphasize the evidence rules that affect prosecutors, who bear the burden of proof in jury trials, bench trials, or even proceedings before administrative law judges. This program is built around Irving Younger's classic evidence lectures, but extends beyond the original series to provide pertinent advice on recent developments, given by a seasoned prosecutor. The course focuses on fundamental concepts that prosecutors face in every trial and delves into some overlooked nooks and crannies that can help prosecutors to introduce the proofs they need and shield their cases from improper material their opponents will try to admit. Students will learn classic and contemporary approaches to applying the rules of evidence, how to reconcile the rules of evidence with the modern considerations of the craft of advocacy and will discover valuable, practical tips to enhance their courtroom skills.

Who Should Attend?

This program is solely for Assistant Prosecutors and Deputies from the Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice. Please do not attempt to register for this course if you are not from these offices.

Who Is the Faculty?

Steve Easton is a trial lawyer and award- winning teacher who has excelled at trial and in both law school and CLE classrooms. He served as the U.S. Attorney for the District of North Dakota and has tried cases in civil and criminal courts involving diverse issues including accident reconstruction, murder, blood and DNA testing, injury causation, money laundering, polygraph testing, hypnosis, psychological injuries, product design and even cattle hauling and rodeos. Easton served for four years as the Dean of the University of Wyoming College of Law, where he remains a professor. Previously, he served as a professor of law at the University of Missouri - Columbia School of Law. Prior to that, he was a partner in the firm of Pearce & Durick, where he concentrated on product liability and insurance defense.

Easton was the recipient of the Richard S. Jacobson Award for Excellence in Teaching Trial Advocacy from the Pound Civil Justice Institute, and the Warren E. Burger Prize for scholarship concerning legal excellence, civility, ethics and professionalism from the American Inns of Court. He is the author of three essential guidebooks for attorneys, *Attacking Adverse Experts* (ABA), *How to Win Jury Trials: Building Credibility with Judges and Jurors* (ALI CLE), and *Problems, Cases & Materials in Professional Responsibility* (Thomson-West). He has also been published in *The Federal Lawyer*; *The Practical Litigator*; *For the Defense: The Magazine for Defense, Insurance and Corporate Counsel*; *Stanford Law Review*; *The Wall Street Journal*; and *USA Today*. Easton received his B.A. from Dickinson State University and his J.D. from Stanford Law School.

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 7.2 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism, and 7.2 qualify as hours of credit toward certification in criminal trial law.

NY CLE Credit: 7.0 Substantive Credits (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy).

PA CLE Credit: 6.0 Substantive Credits (\$9.00 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.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	The Three Categories of Evidence Law The Four Categories of Evidence The Law of Witnesses
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Networking Break
10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	The Law of Witnesses <i>continued</i> The Best Evidence Rule, Authentication & The [Non] Opinion Rule
12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Lunch (provided for attendees)

12:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Expert Testimony
Cross-Examination and Impeachment

2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Networking Break

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Character Evidence
Hearsay