



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO SUCCESSFULLY INVESTIGATE AND PROSECUTE INSURANCE FRAUD

**October 18, 2018
10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
R.J. Hughes Justice Complex
6th Floor Point Meeting Area – Attorney General's Library
25 Market Street
Trenton, New Jersey**

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 provide an overview of the Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor. Among the topics discussed will be the creation, mission and organization of the office, investigative tools and techniques used in the pursuit of criminals, highlights of successful insurance fraud prosecutions and related crimes, and elder abuse.

Who Should Attend?

This program is open to attorneys in the Department of Law and Public Safety, assistant prosecutors, attorneys from agencies that partner with the Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor and, space permitting, detectives, investigators and analysts from the Division of Criminal Justice and county prosecutors' offices. Please do not attempt to register for this program if you are not included in one of these groups.

Who Is the Faculty?

DAG Cheryl Maccaroni, a 27 year employee of the Attorney General's Office, is the Bureau Chief of Private Insurance in the Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor. She was previously the Assistant Bureau Chief. In addition to her supervisory responsibilities, Cheryl has served as the legal advisor to the County Prosecutor Insurance Fraud Reimbursement Program since 2011.

Cheryl previously worked in the Division of Criminal Justice Insurance Fraud Unit. Prior to joining DCJ, she was a Deputy Attorney General in the Tort Litigation Section of the Division of Law, where she successfully tried over a dozen cases. Cheryl litigated the first significant prosecution under the Health Care Claims Fraud Act, which resulted in a second degree conviction that was upheld on appeal in a published decision.

Cheryl started her legal career in 1984 as a law clerk for two Mercer County Superior Court judges, followed by several years in private practice. She received an Attorney General's Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement – Fraud Investigation in 2013 and an Attorney General's Award for Excellence in Operations in 2014.

DAG Peter Sepulveda is the Bureau Chief of the N.J. Medicaid Fraud Control Unit in the Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor. Since 2012, Chief Sepulveda has been supervising the investigation and successful prosecution of numerous defendants involved in billing for services not rendered, kickback schemes, and the illegal sale of prescription drugs. He also directs the Unit's N.J. Elder Protection Task Force, which investigates and prosecutes financial and physical abuse of institutionalized elderly patients.

Chief Sepulveda previously worked as a staff attorney in the Investigations Division of the New Jersey Office of the State Comptroller, investigating fraud, waste and abuse of taxpayer funds. He started his prosecutorial career as an Assistant Prosecutor in the Essex County Prosecutor's Office. He has tried 20 criminal jury trials including attempted murder, robbery, official misconduct, commercial bribery, aggravated assault, and burglary. Chief Sepulveda holds a B.A. from Villanova University and obtained his J.D. from Seton Hall University 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 1.8 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

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

PA CLE Credit: 1.5 Credits (\$3.00 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.