



# INAUGURAL EVENT

May 31, 2000, at 3:30 p.m.



New Jersey Department of Law & Public Safety

*I want it to become known  
that the Attorney General's Office  
offers the best training  
an attorney can obtain,  
anywhere in this state.*

– Attorney General Farmer,  
announcing The Advocacy Institute,  
Nov. 1999

# **P R O G R A M**

## **ATTORNEY GENERAL'S ADVOCACY INSTITUTE INAUGURAL EVENT**

**May 31, 2000, at 3:30 p.m.**

I. Introduction: Attorney General John J. Farmer, Jr.

II. Remarks by Chief Justice Deborah T. Poritz

III. Attorney General's Remarks

IV. Panel Discussion by Alumni of the  
Department of Law & Public Safety

- Michael R. Cole
- Joseph A. Hayden, Jr.
- Jack M. Sabatino

V. Presentation by Professor Thomas A. Mauet:  
The Psychology of Persuasion

A reception will be held at the State Museum  
immediately following the program.



# SPEAKERS

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## **John J. Farmer, Jr.**

Mr. Farmer was sworn into office as Attorney General on June 3, 1999. Two years earlier, Governor Whitman appointed Mr. Farmer as Chief Counsel. Prior to that he served as Deputy Chief Counsel and Assistant Counsel to the Governor.

Before joining the Whitman Administration, Mr. Farmer served from 1990 to 1994 as an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey, prosecuting criminal cases that included organized crime, narcotics, white collar crime and kidnaping. In 1993, he received a special achievement award from the United States Department of Justice for his work in the U.S. Attorney's Trenton office.

As an associate from 1988 to 1990 in the law firm of Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland & Perretti, Mr. Farmer worked on civil appeals, commercial litigation and provided pro bono criminal defense. He has also served as an adjunct professor of law at the Seton Hall University Law School.

Mr. Farmer received his bachelor of arts degree in 1979 and his law degree in 1986, both from Georgetown University. He began his legal career as a law clerk to former New Jersey Supreme Court Justice Alan B. Handler.

## **Deborah T. Poritz**

Prior to her nomination to the New Jersey Supreme Court by Governor Whitman in 1996, Chief Justice Poritz served two years as New Jersey's first woman Attorney General.

Chief Justice Poritz has extensive legal experience, working as an attorney both in state government and in the private sector as a partner in the law firm of Jamieson, Moore, Peskin & Spicer.

A former English teacher, Chief Justice Poritz served as Chief Counsel to Governor Thomas Kean. She also held the position of Director of the Division of Law in the Department of Law and Public Safety for three years, and worked as an assistant attorney general.

Named assistant chief of the department's Environmental Protection Section in 1981, Chief Justice Poritz also served as deputy attorney general in charge of appeals and chief of the Banking, Insurance and Public Securities Section.

She began her career with the Department of Law and Public Safety as a deputy attorney general in 1977, after graduating from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

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## **Michael R. Cole**

A managing partner in the private law firm of DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Gluck, Hayden & Cole, this Rutgers law school graduate specializes in commercial litigation and regulatory affairs. A member of the New Jersey Bar since 1970, Mr. Cole practices in both state and federal courts, at both the trial and appellate level. He has presented oral arguments before the United States Supreme Court and the New Jersey Supreme Court, as well as the Federal Circuit Courts of Appeal and New Jersey's intermediate Appellate Court.

Mr. Cole served as Chief Counsel to Governor Thomas Kean from 1986 to 1989. Prior to that, he served as First Assistant Attorney General and Director of the Division of Law in the Department of Law and Public Safety from 1983 to 1986, under then-Attorney General Irwin I. Kimmelman. He also served as Director of the Division of Law from 1981 to 1983. Before becoming director, Mr. Cole served for three years as Assistant Attorney General in charge of litigation, where he was responsible for supervising all of the state's civil litigation.

## **Joseph A. Hayden, Jr.**

A white collar criminal defense attorney, Mr. Hayden recently became a partner in the private law firm of DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Gluck, Hayden & Cole. He has worked in private practice since 1973, previously with his own firm of Hayden and Silber. His trial and appellate work at the federal and state levels has concentrated in part on the defense of corporations and executives prosecuted or investigated for alleged infractions of environmental or other state or federal regulatory statutes.

Mr. Hayden also has represented high-ranking law enforcement and public officials charged with misconduct in office and political corruption. The diversity of his practice extends to complex civil litigation in the state and federal courts. His experience includes counseling clients charged with civil violations of the RICO Act who face massive forfeitures, as well as representing clients in civil trials involving legal malpractice and environmental coverage.

A magna cum laude Rutgers Law School graduate, Mr. Hayden began his career as a law secretary to then-New Jersey Supreme Court Chief Justice Joseph Weintraub. He then served as a deputy attorney general in the Organized Crime and Special Prosecution Section of the Department of Law and Public Safety's Division of Criminal Justice.

As a deputy attorney general, he successfully prosecuted the first wiretap case brought by the state and spearheaded a grand jury probe of the Atlantic City Police Department. He also was the lead attorney in numerous grand jury investigations of political corruption and organized crime.

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## **Jack M. Sabatino**

An associate dean for Institutional Advancement at Rutgers Law School in Camden, Mr. Sabatino currently teaches courses on evidence, alternative dispute resolution, professional responsibility, products liability and the New Jersey State Constitution. In this position, he is also responsible for oversight of advocacy training programs and upper-level student moot courts.

This cum laude Harvard Law School graduate also taught law at Seton Hall Law School. He has received Professor of the Year awards at both Seton Hall and Rutgers and a faculty award from the Rutgers Women's Law Caucus.

His public career includes serving as Director of the Division of Law in the Department of Law and Public Safety, as well as the division's Assistant Attorney General in charge of civil litigation. He has successfully argued cases before the New Jersey State Supreme Court and numerous other courts.

Mr. Sabatino has also worked in private practice at the Newark law firm of Robinson, Wayne & LaSala, where he was a partner. He began his legal career as a judicial clerk to the Honorable H. Curtis Meanor of the United States District Court of the District of New Jersey. He also served as the first law clerk of former State Supreme Court Associate Justice Marie L. Garibaldi.

## **Thomas A. Mauet**

Currently the Riepe Professor of Law and the Director of Trial Advocacy at the University of Arizona College of Law, Mr. Mauet teaches trial advocacy, pretrial litigation, evidence and criminal procedure. He is an accomplished author, whose publications include *Trial Techniques*, *Pretrial Practice*, *Trial Evidence*, and *Mauet's Trial Notebook*.

A graduate of the Northwestern University School of Law and Dartmouth College, he has also taught at the George Washington University School of Law. He served as a Superior Court Judge in Arizona, and has also practiced law both privately and in the public sector. His public practice includes work as a county prosecutor and in the United States Attorney's Office in Chicago, while his private practice work focused on commercial litigation and criminal and medical malpractice defense.

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