



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF ORAL ADVOCACY

June 8, 2017

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex

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

25 Market Street

Trenton, New Jersey

PLEASE READ: MATERIALS WILL BE PROVIDED TO YOU FOR THIS COURSE

Program Summary

Oral argument is a critical part of litigation, both at the trial and appellate court levels. During a trial or hearing, it often plays a significant role in the outcome of a case. Oral argument also plays a substantial role in appellate advocacy and is consistently used to help appellate courts make well-reasoned decisions that will serve as precedent for future cases. This presentation will provide resources to assist deputies in developing the skills necessary to be successful whether arguing before a trial or an appellate court.

Who Should Attend?

This program is open to all DAsG within the Division of Law, Administrative Practice Group, **only**. If you are not a DAG in the Division of Law Administrative Practice Group, please do not attempt to register for this course.

Who Is the Faculty?

Daniel F. Dryzga is an Assistant Attorney General in the Division of Law. He is the AAG in charge of the Administrative Practice Group and has overall responsibility for the management of the practice group and provides supervision and policy direction for the handling of administrative hearings throughout the Division.

Previously, Dan was the Director of the New Jersey Attorney General's Advocacy Institute where he ensured that high quality legal education programs were offered that met the needs of governmental lawyers in New Jersey. Prior to that, he was a Deputy Attorney General and Assistant Chief of the Education and Higher Education Section of the Division of Law for the State of New Jersey. Dan also served a Deputy Attorney General in the Corrections and State Police Section of the Division of Law where he defended lawsuits brought against members of the New Jersey State Police. In addition to his time with the Division of Law, AAG Dryzga also served with the Office of Government Integrity and the Division of Criminal Justice for the State of New Jersey. There he conducted criminal and civil investigations concerning waste, fraud, and abuse in public school construction projects and criminally prosecuted individuals and companies with regard to improprieties in those construction projects. He has also served as an Assistant Inspector General in the New Jersey Office of the Inspector General.

AAG Dryzga has significant experience in both state and federal courts. He is admitted to practice in the State of New Jersey, the U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey, the Third Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court. He received his B.A., from Pennsylvania State University, and his J.D. from Rutgers University Law School- Newark.

Melissa Dutton Schaffer is currently an Assistant Attorney General in the Appeals Practice Group of the Division of Law, which is responsible for the overall management, supervision and policy direction for all State and federal court appeals throughout the Division. Melissa briefly served as Associate General Counsel for The College of New Jersey from August 2013 through January 2015. Prior to that, Melissa was the Section Chief of the Division's Education/Higher Education Section. In this capacity, she oversaw the representation and counseling of the Department of Education, the Secretary of Higher Education, and all of the State Colleges. She represented her clients in a variety of complex education matters in administrative, State and federal court at both the trial and appellate levels. Melissa joined the Division in 2005, following her time as a staff attorney in the public interest sector in Philadelphia, PA. She received her J.D. from Widener University School of Law in 2002 and a B.A. from Rutgers University, Camden in 1998.

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 2.0 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism, and 2.0 qualify as hours of credit toward certification in civil trial law.

NY CLE Credit: 2.0 substantive credits (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy).

PA CLE Credit: 1.5 substantive credits (\$3.00 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.