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## PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

*The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present*

### 2017 DIVISION OF LAW IN-SERVICE

**JULY 27, 2017**

**8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.**

**Monmouth University**

**400 Cedar Avenue, Pollak Theatre**

**West Long Branch, NJ 07764-1898**

### **PLEASE READ: 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 program is designed to provide instruction in subject areas that are pertinent to deputies in the Division of Law. Courses include: Civility in the Practice of Law; The History of the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination; How to Prepare for Expert Depositions; Evidence Rules; Anti-Bias Crime Training; An Overview of the New Jersey and Federal False Claims Acts; Internet Privacy, Data and Identity Theft Protection; and Human Trafficking.

#### *Who Should Attend?*

This In-Service program is solely for Division of Law Deputies and others who have been invited to attend. Please do not attempt to register if you have not been notified of your eligibility to attend this program. **Please make sure to register for only one course per time slot.**

#### *Who Is the Faculty?*

*Please see attached.*

## *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 up to 5.4 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, up to 1.5 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

**NY CLE Credit:** Up to 3.5 substantive credits and up to 1.5 ethics credits (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy).

**PA CLE Credit:** Up to 3 substantive credits and up to 1.0 ethics credit (\$6.00 per credit mandatory registration fee required). **ONE CHECK PER COURSE, PLEASE.**

## *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: [AdvocacyInstitute@lps.state.nj.us](mailto:AdvocacyInstitute@lps.state.nj.us) 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.

# LIST OF COURSES AND PRESENTERS

(Courses Listed Chronologically)

## CIVILITY IN THE PRACTICE OF LAW

9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Pollak Theater

The demands of litigation are seemingly never ending. Despite the pressures of these demands, attorneys are both ethically and professionally obligated to treat members of the bar and others with whom they deal with courtesy and respect while effectively representing their clients. This engaging and thought provoking presentation will focus on what is expected of attorneys in terms of civility and professionalism when appearing in court, conducting depositions and communicating with adversaries. The presentation will also discuss strategies for maintaining civility in difficult situations where others may be acting in a confrontational, provocative or inappropriate manner.

**AAG Margaret A. Cotoia** is the Director of the New Jersey Attorney General's Advocacy Institute, which offers a broad array of high quality legal education programs that meet the needs of New Jersey government lawyers. She recruits instructors and develops curriculum for the AGAI's lecture programs and is responsible for maintaining and renewing the Institute's accreditation as a continuing legal education provider in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York. Margaret is also an instructor for the National Attorneys General Training and Research Institute and a member of its Advisory Board.

Prior to joining the Advocacy Institute, Margaret was the Ethics Training Officer for the New Jersey State Ethics Commission, where she designed and conducted ethics training for State officials at 26 State departments and over 75 authorities, boards, and commissions, provided ethics advice to a state-wide network of agency ethics liaison officers and planned and conducted quarterly meetings for their continuing education. Before working for the SEC, Margaret was a hearing officer and trainer at the New Jersey Department of Labor and a staff attorney and mediator at the Public Employment Relations Commission. Margaret holds a B.S. from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. and a J.D. from the Penn State University Dickinson School of Law in Carlisle, Pennsylvania where she was an editor of the law review.

**AAG Anthony Zarrillo** is the Coordinator of Skills Programs for the Attorney General's Advocacy Institute. He is responsible for all aspects of AGAI skills courses, including content, materials, logistics, faculty recruitment and training, course presentation and attorney skills development and mentoring. AAG Zarrillo is also an instructor for the National Attorneys General Training and Research Institute and a 2017 recipient of an Attorney General's Award for Excellence in Advancing the Department of Law and Public Safety's Priorities and Initiatives.

Prior to his current position, AAG Zarrillo served as Chief of Litigation with the Division of Gaming Enforcement. Before joining the DGE, he was the Executive Director of the New Jersey

Office of Counter-Terrorism. Prior to that assignment, AAG Zarrillo served as Deputy Director of the Division of Criminal Justice in charge of investigations where he oversaw approximately 75 DAsG and over 200 investigators. Before returning to the Department of Law and Public Safety in 2000, he ran a law firm in Cherry Hill where he specialized in criminal defense work and tried a number of civil cases. He also served as Deputy Chief of the homicide unit in the Camden County Prosecutors Office where he worked for five years.

AAG Zarrillo has tried approximately 200 jury trials in New Jersey State courts and in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York City and Delaware federal courts. Most were criminal trials where he served as either as a prosecutor or defense attorney. His trial experience includes litigating approximately 20 homicides as a prosecutor and as lead prosecutor in a 57 defendant criminal anti-trust conspiracy trial. He has also tried several dozen administrative cases. AAG Zarrillo taught Trial Advocacy at Rutgers Camden Law School for ten years and has been a grader for the New Jersey Bar Exam since 1993.

**NJ CLE Credit:** This program had been approved by the Board on Continuing Legal Education of the Supreme Court of New Jersey for 1.5 CLE credit. Of these, 1.5 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

**NY CLE Credit:** 1.5 Ethics Credits (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy)

**PA CLE Credit:** 1.0 Ethics Credit (\$1.50 mandatory registration fee required)

**FIRST AND FOREMOST:  
THE HISTORY OF THE NEW JERSEY LAW AGAINST DISCRIMINATION  
11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.  
HR Young Auditorium – Bey Hall**

With the enactment of the Law Against Discrimination in 1945, New Jersey became the first state in the nation to adopt a comprehensive anti-discrimination statute. Since that time, New Jersey has remained at the forefront of ensuring of its citizens' civil rights by amending the LAD numerous times, adding further protections to keep pace with evolving societal changes. In describing the impact of the LAD, the New Jersey Supreme Court recently said, “[o]ne searches in vain to find another New Jersey enactment having an equivalently powerful statement of purpose.” This presentation will outline the history of the LAD’s expansion with a focus on the statute’s current coverage.

**AAG Craig Sashihara** was sworn in as Director of the Division on Civil Rights on November 2, 2011. He began his career as a deputy attorney general in the Division of Law where worked in the Financial Affairs and State Contracting and Environmental Practice Groups. In 1997, he left the public sector to work at McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter in Morristown and then Carroll, McNulty & Kull in Basking Ridge, where he focused on complex commercial litigation.

In 2003, he returned to the Department of Law and Public Safety where he served in several leadership roles under successive administrations. Craig is a graduate of Boston University's College of Communication and Villanova University Law School, where he was a member of the Law Review.

**DAG James Michael** is Chief of the Civil Rights Section of the Division of Law, where he oversees prosecution of discrimination complaints related to employment, public accommodations and housing throughout the State. Jim has worked on a series of initiatives to improve access for people with disabilities and address discrimination in schools, stores, health care facilities and voting places. In addition to his work in the Civil Rights section, Jim served in the Division of Law's Affirmative Litigation section, focusing on mortgage fraud, pharmaceutical marketing and abusive debt collection practices. Prior to joining the Division of Law, Jim was a Deputy Attorney General and Governor's Fellow in the Division of Gaming Enforcement. He is a graduate of Rutgers Law School in Camden and Franklin and Marshall College, and holds a Master's Degree in Public Policy from the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers.

**NJ CLE Credit:** This program had been approved by the Board on Continuing Legal Education of the Supreme Court of New Jersey for 1.2 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

**NY CLE Credit:** 1.0 Substantive Credits (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy)

**PA CLE Credit:** 1.0 Substantive Credits (\$1.50 per credit mandatory registration fee)

## **PREPARING FOR EXPERT DEPOSITIONS**

**11:15 a.m. -12:15 p.m.**

**Pollak Theater**

The "expert witness" stage of discovery often is – or can become – the watershed in a civil litigation matter. Trial or settlement evaluations can significantly change for better or for worse, depending on which experts are selected, what specific opinions they proffer, and whether those opinions may be effectively challenged. This presentation, while focusing on the defense side, will provide a general overview of strategic factors to consider in a case when the opposing party identifies liability or damages experts. This presentation will also discuss techniques and approaches to examination of an expert.

**DAG Daniel M. Vannella** is the Section Chief of the Tort Litigation and Judiciary Section in the Division of Law. He oversees the handling of Title 59 matters involving State agencies and

employees, including New Jersey Transit and State colleges; other non-employment matters involving the Judiciary and its employees; and matters involving county prosecutor's offices and their employees pursuant to Wright v. State. Dan was previously a deputy and then an Assistant Section Chief with the Corrections and State Police Section, where he represented the State Police, Department of Corrections, Parole Board, and their employees in litigation, appellate, OAL, and agency advice matters. As Assistant Section Chief, he supervised civil rights and discrimination/CEPA matters, and provided advice on OPRA and other topics involving the State Police. Dan has successfully first-chaired several jury trials to verdict. He also has argued multiple times before both the Supreme Court of New Jersey and the Appellate Division, as well as before the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. Dan first joined the Division of Law in 2009. He previously worked for the Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office, in private practice, and as a law clerk for the Hon. Richard J. Geiger, J.S.C. He received a B.A. in English from The College of New Jersey and his J.D. from William and Mary School of Law.

**DAG Gregory J. Sullivan** is a Deputy in the Tort Litigation and Judiciary Section in the Division of Law. He primarily litigates Title 59 matters for State agencies. Prior to joining the Division of Law, he was in private practice for two decades where he concentrated on municipal law, litigating both trials and appeals of Title 59 cases. Greg served as the municipal solicitor for the Township of Bordentown from 2001 to 2007. Greg was a law clerk to the Hon. Samuel D. Lenox, Jr., A.J.S.C. (ret.). He received his B.A. cum laude from the College of New Jersey, an M.A. from Villanova University, and his J.D. from Seton Hall Law School.

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**NY CLE Credit:** 1.0 Substantive Credits (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy)

**PA CLE Credit:** 1.0 Substantive Credits (\$1.50 per credit mandatory registration fee)

## **EVIDENCE RULES YOU NEED TO KNOW AND LOVE**

**1:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Pollak Theater**

Trial work requires knowledge of the New Jersey Rules of Evidence, the application of the rules and interplay with the Rules of Court. This presentation will help you enhance your trial skills with the evidence rules you need to know for your next civil trial.

**AAG Kevin Jespersen** is Chief Counsel to the Attorney General. AAG Jespersen has extensive litigation experience and has devoted most of his career to handling civil litigation matters. He is

certified by the Supreme Court of New Jersey as a Civil Trial Attorney and has held that designation since 1997. AAG Jespersen has handled hundreds of cases throughout his career, and has tried to verdict more than 40 cases, including matters before the State and federal courts in New Jersey and New Jersey administrative agencies. He has argued more than 40 appeals, including matters in the Appellate Division of the New Jersey Superior Court, the New Jersey Supreme Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

AAG Jespersen joined the Attorney General's Office in 2004 as a Deputy Attorney General assigned to the Division of Law's Professional Boards Prosecution Section, and became the Assistant Section Chief in 2006. From 2009 through 2012 he served as an Assistant Attorney General with the Litigation Practice Group and in November 2012 became the Assistant Attorney General in Charge of the Affirmative Civil Enforcement Practice Group. He was named Deputy Director of the Division of Law in September 2014, where he served until his appointment as Chief Counsel to the Attorney General. AAG Jespersen has served for many years as an instructor in the Trial Advocacy Program of the Attorney General's Advocacy Institute. Among other achievements, he received an Attorney General's Award for Exceptional Service in 2008 for acting as the State's lead trial counsel for the remand evidentiary hearing in the landmark *Abbott v. Burke* litigation.

From 1984 through 2003, Jespersen practiced law in the private sector where he focused on complex civil litigation. Jespersen is a graduate of Rutgers University and the New York University School of Law. He is admitted to the bars of the State of New Jersey, the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals 3rd Circuit, and the U.S. District Court of New Jersey.

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**THE RAMIFICATIONS OF HATE:  
A HISTORY AND LEGAL OVERVIEW OF BIAS CRIMES  
1:45 p.m. -3:00 p.m.  
HR Young Auditorium – Bey Hall**

Throughout history, prejudice, bias, and animus towards certain individuals and groups have served as the motivation for criminal conduct. In recent months, we have seen an uptick in bias incidents across the country and, as a result, a newfound focus on the subject of bias crimes. This program will explore the origins and history of bias crimes, as well as the Federal laws that offer protection to those impacted by them. It will also provide a detailed overview of New Jersey law governing bias crimes as well as a discussion of the highly publicized case of *State of New Jersey v. Dharun Ravi* and the Appellate Division's application of New Jersey's bias intimidation statute in that case.

**DAG Rahat N. Babar** is a Special Assistant to the Attorney General of New Jersey involved in high-level legal matters, special projects, and initiatives on the Attorney General's senior staff. Rahat also serves on the Attorney General's Diversity Council. As part of his work, Rahat has been involved in the office's community outreach efforts in response to the increased reports of bias incidents. Prior to his current role, Rahat was an Assistant Section Chief in the Tort Litigation and Judiciary Section within the Division of Law.

Outside of the office, Rahat serves as a Northeast Regional Governor for the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association ("NAPABA") and co-chairs NAPABA's Civil Rights Committee. He was the 2014 President of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Pennsylvania ("APABA-PA"), and prior to his election as President, Rahat spearheaded its Community Outreach Committee, one of the more visible committees of the organization. He remains active with APABA-PA as a member of its Board and co-chairing APABA-PA's Policy Committee.

Rahat has been a member of the New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Minority Concerns since 2013. The Committee is tasked with ensuring the implementation of court-approved recommendations to eliminate discrimination within the courts. He recently joined the Board of Directors of the Asian Pacific American Lawyers Association of New Jersey, and from 2014 to 2016, Rahat was a member of the Board of Governors for the Philadelphia Bar Association. In 2013, The Legal Intelligencer recognized Rahat as a Diverse Attorney of the Year and a Lawyer on the Fast Track.

**DAG Jeffrey J. Barile** is a Deputy Attorney General with the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice and is assigned to the Specialized Crimes Bureau. DAG Barile joined the Division in 2013. He has successfully prosecuted crimes involving: racketeering, narcotics trafficking, human trafficking, money laundering, labor fraud, tax fraud, identity theft, and environmental pollution. This work often included the extensive use of electronic surveillance. He is a member of the Witness Relocation Unit, the Officer Involved Shooting review panel for the Attorney General's Shooting Response Team, and the Bias Crimes Response Team. Prior to joining the Division, DAG Barile was an Assistant Prosecutor with the Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office in Bridgeton, NJ. He also worked for a private firm where he represented clients in civil and criminal matters. DAG Barile was a law clerk in the Salem and Cumberland County Superior Court – Civil Division for the Honorable Timothy G. Farrell, J.S.C. DAG Barile received his J.D. from Catholic University – Columbus School of Law in Washington, D.C. and his B.A. from Drew University in Madison, N.J.

**DAG Leah D. Smith** serves as the Director of Community Programming and Outreach, responsible for managing the Department's community outreach efforts, and coordinating outreach and community engagement among the Department's divisions, outside agencies, and community partners. Leah spearheads the Department's Anti-Bias Legal Education (A.B.L.E.) Response Team, which provides educational and informational presentations regarding the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination ("LAD") and Bias Crimes to select houses of worship, community centers and education institutions throughout the State.

Before managing the Department's outreach efforts, Leah served as a Special Assistant to the Attorney General, providing legal and operational guidance to various Divisions within the Department of Law & Public Safety, including the Juvenile Justice Commission and the Division on Civil Rights.

Prior to joining OAG, Leah practiced commercial litigation in the private sector with an emphasis on counseling clients on employment matters such as personnel actions and employee relations issues, as well as the defense of wrongful termination claims. Leah received her undergraduate degree from Boston University, and her law degree from Hofstra School of Law.

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**PA CLE Credit:** 1.0 Substantive Credits (\$1.50 per credit mandatory registration fee)

## **AN OVERVIEW OF THE NEW JERSEY AND FEDERAL FALSE CLAIMS ACTS**

**1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Room 135 Howard Hall (Pollak Theatre Building)**

This presentation will provide an overview of the New Jersey False Claims Act. It will include a discussion of the parallel Federal False Claims Act and recent recoveries obtained by the federal and state governments using these powerful tools to combat fraud against the government. The program will cover key provisions of the New Jersey statute and relevant developing state and federal case law. It will also address the anatomy of a false claims act investigation, whether filed in federal or state court, and practical considerations in investigating false claims act matters and deciding whether the State should intervene. The presenters will also review recent settlements of the Government and Health Care Fraud Section.

**DAG Janine Matton** is the Section Chief in the Government and Health Care Fraud Section, where she investigates and litigates complex False Claims Act matters and other affirmative cases focusing on consumer, health care, securities, and government fraud. Janine joined the Department of Law and Public Safety in 2007, serving as a Special Assistant to Attorneys General Rabner and Milgram. Prior to joining the Attorney General's office, Janine was an associate with the law firm of Norris McLaughlin and Marcus, PA, where she handled complex commercial litigation. She was a law clerk to the Honorable Virginia A. Long during the 2003-2004 term. Janine is a 2003 graduate of Columbia University School of Law, where she was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. Janine also holds an M.A. in Economics, from Rutgers University and has over eleven years of experience in market analysis in the telecommunications and pharmaceutical industries.

**DAG Evan Showell** is assigned to the Government and Health Care Fraud Section, where he investigates and litigates complex False Claims Act matters focusing on government fraud. Evan

is also involved in the developing area of privacy and internet security law. Evan joined the Department of Law and Public Safety in 2015 after more than two decades in private practice, where he handled a wide variety of complex commercial litigation both in his own law firm and in affiliation with other firms. Evan is a graduate of The New York University School of Law, where he served as an editor on the Moot Court Board. Evan is also a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the College of The University of Chicago.

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**PA CLE Credit:** 1.0 Substantive Credits (\$1.50 per credit mandatory registration fee)

**THE INTERNET PRIVACY AND DATA PROTECTION WORKING GROUP  
PRESENTS: NEW JERSEY ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS AND AGENCY  
OBLIGATIONS  
3:15 p.m. -4:15 pm  
Pollak Theater**

This course will provide an introduction to the mission of the Internet Privacy and Data Protection Working Group, including the federal and State statutes it enforces. Recent matters handled by the group will be discussed, including the Horizon HIPAA settlement, the Target data breach settlement and the Vizio data privacy settlement. The program will also cover the nuts and bolts of New Jersey's Identity Theft Protection Act, including its application to client agencies.

**AAG John M. Falzone** co-heads the Division of Law's Affirmative Civil Enforcement Practice Group, where he helps to manage the Consumer Fraud Prosecution Section, the Government and Healthcare Fraud Section, and the Internet and Data Protection Group. Prior to joining the Division of Law in 2016, John was an associate at the law firm Latham & Watkins LLP and then a partner at the law firm Parker Ibrahim & Berg, where his practice focused on the representation of financial services firms in litigation and regulatory matters. John is recognized by the International Association of Privacy Professionals as a Certified International Privacy Professional/United States. He received a B.A. from Villanova University and a J.D. from Seton Hall Law School.

**DAG Elliott M. Siebers** is a member of the Division's Government and Healthcare Fraud Section and Internet Privacy Working Group. As a member of the Government and Healthcare Fraud section, he investigates and litigates New Jersey False Claims Act matters. As a New Jersey Internet Privacy and Data Protection Working Group member, he enforces various state and federal laws relating to online consumer privacy and data security and represents the Cyber

Fraud unit of the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs, Office of Consumer Protection. Elliott is also recognized by the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP) as a Certified International Privacy Professional/United States (CIPP/US). He received a B.S. from the University of Wisconsin and a J.D. from Brooklyn Law School.

**DAG Russell M. Smith, Jr.**, is a member of Consumer Fraud Prosecution Section, where he represents the Attorney General and the Division of Consumer Affairs in consumer protection and antitrust investigations and litigation. Russell is also a member of the New Jersey Internet Privacy and Data Protection Working Group, which works with the Division of Criminal Justice, the New Jersey State Police and other State agencies to respond to data breaches, computer hacking and leads concerning the unauthorized collection or dissemination of consumers' personal information. Russell is a Certified International Privacy Professional/United States (CIPP/US). He received his J.D. from New York Law School.

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## **DISSECTING THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION, PROTECTION & TREATMENT ACT**

**3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.**

**HR Young Auditorium – Bey Hall**

Human Trafficking is modern day slavery, human rights abuse, and a multibillion dollar criminal enterprise and New Jersey has been described as a prime location for this heinous activity. Although NJ had a human trafficking statute for over a decade, the enactment of the Human Trafficking Prevention, Protection & Treatment Act (HTPPTA) clearly reflected the State's resolve to address outstanding gaps in the existing law. Among its successes, the HTPPTA created new rights for victims, empowered law enforcement, and emphasized training as a valuable tool for the detection and prevention of human trafficking. This presentation will provide an overview of the HTPPTA; an update on the State's compliance with the Act; and a summary of NJ's efforts at combatting human trafficking.

**AAG Tracy M. Thompson** has served as either a County or State prosecutor for nearly 25 years. In January 2013, she was appointed as the Human Trafficking Program Director for the New Jersey Attorney General's Office. As such, she chairs and oversees the operation of the NJ Human Trafficking Task Force. One of her major responsibilities was to create and implement an anti-trafficking strategy in advance of the State's hosting of Super Bowl 48. In April 2014,

she was appointed to serve on the NJ Commission on Human Trafficking, where she represents Attorney General Christopher S. Porrino. In October 2015, AAG Thompson attended the National Human Trafficking Summit as part of the NJ delegation which included NJ Supreme Court Chief Justice Stuart J. Rabner and Judge Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D., Acting Administrative Director of the NJ Courts. She is a 2014 recipient of an Attorney General's Award for Excellence in Advancing the Department of Law and Public Safety's Priorities and Initiatives.

During her 16 years with the NJ Department of Law and Public Safety, AAG Thompson has served in the following capacities: Deputy Director of the Office of Government Integrity; Senior Counsel in the Prosecutor's Supervision and Coordination Bureau; Chief Counsel for the Bureau of Fiscal Oversight; Special Assistant to the DCJ Director; and Deputy Attorney General in the Financial Crimes Unit. AAG Thompson is a faculty member for the Attorney General's Advocacy Institute and the National Attorneys General Training and Research Institute. She is also an adjunct faculty member for Wilmington University and previously taught at The College of New Jersey.

Before joining the Attorney General's Office, AAG Thompson was an Assistant Prosecutor in the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office for nine years where she served as Chief of the Domestic Violence Unit and also handled an array of major crimes including child abuse and sexual assault cases. AAG Thompson received her B.A. in African-American Studies from the University of Pennsylvania in 1987, and her J.D. from Temple University School of Law in 1990.

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