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## **PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT**

*The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present*

**ETHICS FEST 2017**

**DECEMBER 12, 2017  
10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
NJ Forensic Science & Technology Center  
1200 Negron Drive  
Hamilton, New Jersey**

### **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 comprised of two ethics courses. The first will examine ethics requirements for State government executive branch employees and the second will use the Duke Lacrosse case to illustrate attorneys' ethics obligations under several of the Rules of Professional Conduct. Full presentation summaries and instructor biographies are attached to this notice.

**You may attend one or both of the courses, but must register separately for each course that you wish to attend.**

#### *Who Should Attend?*

This program is open to all government attorneys, space allowing.

#### *Who Is the Faculty?*

Please see below.

## *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 4.0 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, up to 4.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

**NY CLE Credit:** up to 4.0 Ethics Credits (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy).

**PA CLE Credit:** up to 3.0 Ethics Credits (\$3.00 per seminar/**must provide separate checks per course**)

## **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](mailto: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.

## **COURSE DESCRIPTIONS AND FACULTY BIOGRAPHIES**

### **ETHICS REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE EXECUTIVE BRANCH EMPLOYEES (10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)**

This course will examine ethics requirements for employees of the executive branch of State government, which includes State departments, agencies, authorities, boards, commissions, colleges and universities. The course will cover the Conflicts of Interest Law, N.J.S.A. 52:13D-12 et seq., ethics rules, N.J.A.C.19:6.1 et seq., the Uniform Ethics Code and ethics-related executive orders. The presentation will address the most recent changes to the State executive branch ethics law and focus on specific subject areas most likely to affect executive branch attorneys, including how to comply with the ethics rules regarding gifts, attendance at events, outside activities, secondary employment, conflicts of interest and post-employment restrictions. Ethics requirements will be illustrated with case studies from the files of the New Jersey State Ethics Commission as well as recent court cases of special interest. **This session will satisfy the mandatory ethics training requirement for State executive branch employees.**

**Sherry L. Wilson, Esq.** is the Ethics Training Officer for the New Jersey State Ethics Commission, where she is responsible for coordinating, developing, supervising and conducting comprehensive in-person and on-line ethics training programs for all employees in the Executive Branch of State government, which includes over 26 State departments and over 75 authorities, boards and commissions. She also plans and conducts orientations and quarterly continuing education meetings for over 100 Ethics Liaison Officers (ELOs) who work within various State agencies. Sherry reviews financial disclosure statements and provides general advice and counsel to ELOs, State officials and members of the public regarding the Conflicts of Interest Law, the Uniform Ethics Code and other ethics-related issues.

Prior to joining the SEC, Sherry worked as an Assistant Professor and Assistant Program Chair for Wilmington University. As the Assistant Program Chair she managed all aspects of Wilmington University's New Jersey criminal justice programs at four campus sites. In that role, Sherry recruited, hired and mentored adjunct faculty. Integrating the latest advancements in pedagogy, curricula, technology and standards of academic excellence, she also developed and taught a variety of on-line and face-to-face courses, including Criminal Evidence and Procedure, Managing Diversity in the Criminal Justice Field, Ethics, and Women and Crime. As Chair of the Faculty Development Day committee she led her colleagues in establishing full-day, bi-annual training programs to assist over 300-500 faculty in acquiring the skills, tools and strategies needed to personalize instruction, engage students and enhance learning.

Sherry previously served as a Deputy Attorney General for 11 years with the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General in the Division of Criminal Justice and Division of Law. During her tenure as a DAG, she prosecuted multi-million dollar Medicaid fraud and conspiracy cases, involving high profile doctors, dentists, pharmacists and other medical providers who

cheated the system. In 2008, she was awarded the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor's Award for her excellence in legal work in the prosecution of "Operation PharmScam." Sherry also handled criminal appeals before the Appellate Division of New Jersey and the Supreme Court of New Jersey. She began her legal career in the Appellate Division of New Jersey as a law clerk for the Honorable Michael Patrick King and as an associate with Sterns and Weinroth, P.C.

Before commencing her legal career, Sherry was a tax analyst and cost accountant for E.I. DuPont De Nemours & Co. Sherry graduated with honors from both Temple University with a B.B.A. in Accounting and Widener University School of Law, where she earned her J.D.

**LUNCH**  
**(On your own)**  
**(12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.)**

**LAX ATTORNEY ETHICS:**  
**LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE DUKE LACROSSE RAPE CASE**  
**(1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.)**

This ethics presentation will use the highly publicized 2006 Duke Lacrosse Rape Case as a backdrop to explore RPC 3.3, Candor Toward the Tribunal; RPC 3.4, Fairness to Opposing Party and Counsel; RPC 3.6, Trial Publicity; RPC 3.8, Special Responsibilities of a Prosecutor; and RPC 8.4 Misconduct. Although the presentation will use the Duke Lacrosse Case as a teaching tool, it is appropriate for both criminal and civil attorneys.

**First Assistant Prosecutor Lori Linskey** joined the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office in January 2013 and was promoted to her current position in June 2017. In this capacity, she handles administrative and management matters for the Prosecutor's Office and also directly oversees the office's Appellate and Family Divisions and Professional Responsibility and Forfeiture Units. She has initiated and overseen several new initiatives for the office including its Special Needs Registry and the safe driving program, Unplugged & Alive. Prior to assuming her current position, she served the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice as Senior Counsel for more than 15 years and was the Acting Chief of the Prosecutors Supervision & Coordination Bureau prior to her departure. FAP Linskey served as the Ethics Liaison Officer for DCJ for more than 10 years and provided legal advice to the County Prosecutors on a wide array of issues including: conflicts and supersession matters, management issues and regulatory firearms matters. FAP Linskey received an Attorney General's Award for her work revising New Jersey's Eyewitness Identification Guidelines.