



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

VICTIMS' RIGHTS AND SERVICES IN NEW JERSEY: STATE OFFICE OF VICTIM WITNESS ADVOCACY (SOVWA)

**December 13, 2017
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex
6th Floor Point Meeting Area – Attorney General's Library
25 Market Street
Trenton, New Jersey**

PLEASE READ: 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

Victims' rights in the criminal justice system have increased dramatically over the past 30 years, affording crime victims broad legal protections. This program will examine the statutory and constitutional basis for victims' rights and the prosecutor's essential role in their enforcement. It will provide an overview of the State Office of Victim Witness Advocacy, the services it offers, and why prosecutors must work with SOVWA to ensure the protection of victims' statutory and constitutional rights. The program will also discuss the sometimes delicate balance between a prosecutor's ethical duties and the rights of victims.

Who Should Attend?

This program is mandatory for all Division of Criminal Justice Deputy Attorneys General hired after January 1, 2015. The Division of Criminal Justice has notified those attorneys who are required to attend this program. Other attorneys within the Department of Law and Public Safety are welcome to attend; space permitting. Please do not attempt to register for this program if you are not an attorney in the Department of Law and Public Safety.

Who Is the Faculty?

DAG Jillian Carpenter is the Assistant Bureau Chief in the Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor Private Insurance Section. Prior to joining OIFP, DAG Carpenter was assigned to the Division of Criminal Justice Financial & Computer Crimes Bureau. She has prosecuted a variety of white collar and computer related crimes including money laundering, commercial bribery, and endangering the welfare of children for manufacturing, distributing, and possessing child pornography. Prior to joining DCJ, DAG Carpenter worked for a private firm in Trenton, New Jersey representing clients in general litigation and criminal defense. DAG Carpenter began her legal career in the Mercer County Superior Court - Criminal Division as a law clerk for the Honorable Judges Charles A. Delehey, Thomas P. Kelly, and Robert C. Billmeier. Prior to practicing law, DAG Carpenter worked at the Rhode Island Child Advocacy Center and Providence Police Department Special Victims Unit and volunteered at the Rhode Island Sexual Assault and Trauma Resource Center.

DAG Kara Webster has worked for the Division of Criminal Justice for three years. She currently serves as counsel to the State Office of Victim Witness Advocacy. She previously provided counsel to the Grants Unit, where she ensured compliance with federal and State grant laws, rules and regulations, developed victim services programs, and assisted the unit in making funding decisions for the State's Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) federal grant award and Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) federal grant award. Before moving back to her home state of New Jersey, DAG Webster served as a Congressional Aide in the U.S. House of Representatives, advising members on policy matters including healthcare, taxes, and Medicare. DAG Webster received her law degree from the Washington and Lee University School of Law and her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Ohio University's Honors Tutorial College.

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 total qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism and total qualify as hours of credit toward certification in criminal trial law.

NY CLE Credit: 1.5 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.