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## PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

*The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present*

### QUALIFIED IMMUNITY

**October 14, 2020**  
**11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

### WEBINAR

#### *Program Summary*

This seminar will focus on the defense of Qualified Immunity available to State defendants in opposing 42 U.S.C.A. §1983 damage actions.

#### *Eligibility*

Registration for this program is limited to Deputy Attorneys General in the State Police, Employment and Corrections and Tort Sections of the Division of Law. Registrants will receive the course materials prior to the program date.

#### *Faculty*

**AAG Michael C. Walters** is a Deputy Director in the Division of Law. He previously served as the Assistant Attorney General in Charge of Litigation. Prior to that position, he was the Section Chief of the Education & Higher Education Section, where he supervised the coordination and development of litigation strategy for representing the New Jersey Department of Education and New Jersey colleges and universities. He was responsible for a variety of complex cases involving federal and State constitutional issues, civil rights, the IDEA, the Rehabilitation Act, the ADA and the NJLAD, as well as federal class action lawsuits related to those areas. He provided legal analysis on proposed education related legislation and legal advice to the New Jersey Department of Education on a variety of issues including special education and school funding. AAG Walters also advised the New Jersey State Board of Examiners on the issuance and revocation of teaching certificates. He has briefed and argued cases involving a wide range of issues before the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, the New Jersey Appellate Division and the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. AAG Walters has also handled numerous *Abbott v. Burke* supplemental funding appeals from administrative hearing through subsequent appeals. He began his career as a law clerk for The Honorable Myron H. Gottlieb, J.S.C and graduated from Rutgers School Law in 1998.

**DAG Matthew Lynch** is the Assistant Section Chief of the Division of Law's State Police, Employment, and Corrections (SPEC) Section, where he supervises the section's representation of the New Jersey State Police, as well as the employment litigation of several other State agencies. Prior to becoming Assistant Section Chief, DAG Lynch was a line deputy in the predecessor to SPEC, the Corrections and State Police Section, where he handled litigation and appellate matters, including trying several cases to verdict in federal court. DAG Lynch is a graduate of Rutgers University and the Drexel University Kline School of Law where he was a Dean's Scholar and completed a co-op placement with United States Magistrate Judge David R. Strawbridge in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

### ***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 1.2 hours of Alternative Verifiable Learning Format (AVF) CLE credit. Of these, 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

### ***Registration***

Those who are eligible to apply should use the Zoom Webinar registration link in the Program Announcement email.

**Students must download Zoom before the webinar in order for the AGAI to record polling question responses that are required for attendance verification and CLE credit.**

LPS employees can download Zoom by searching for Zoom Meeting Software in the LPS software center and clicking install.

The AGAI will be unable to verify attendance or grant CLE credit to students who have not downloaded Zoom before the webinar.