



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

TRIAL ISSUES AND PREPARATION

**November 10, 2020
2:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.**

WEBINAR

Program Summary

This course will provide a primer on trial preparation, including a framework for the steps necessary to get a case ready for trial. The program will also cover challenges that frequently arise during trial preparation, common objections and how to overcome them and a brief overview of some common trial issues, including motions to bar experts, late discovery, and motions for mistrial.

Eligibility

This program is mandatory for new assistant prosecutors and Division of Criminal Justice deputies hired after October 2019 who have been selected to attend by each county prosecutor's office and the Division of Criminal Justice. Other assistant prosecutors and Division of Criminal Justice deputies are welcome to register.

Faculty

Veronica Allende is the Director of the Division of Criminal Justice. She returned to the Division as Director after a year and a half at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey, where she served as an Assistant United States Attorney, investigating and prosecuting individuals for various federal crimes, including bank robbery, child exploitation, firearms offenses, airport crimes, wire and Social Security fraud, and narcotics distribution.

From 2007 to 2016, Director Allende served as a Deputy Attorney General in the Division of Criminal Justice, most recently as Deputy Bureau Chief of the Financial & Computer Crimes Bureau, where she oversaw the Computer Crimes Unit, which investigates and prosecutes child pornography, cyber predators, and other computer-related criminal activity. Prior to that assignment, Director Allende was a member of the Division of Criminal Justice's Corruption Bureau, where she successfully prosecuted defendants charged with official misconduct, theft by deception, and financial fraud. She also investigated officer-involved shootings as a member of

the Attorney General's Shooting Response Team. Director Allende initially worked in the Gangs & Organized Crime Bureau of DCJ, where she supervised the investigation of and successfully prosecuted defendants involved in narcotics distribution, gun trafficking, money laundering, and violent crime. While a member of that bureau, she served for a time as an Acting Essex County Assistant Prosecutor, assigned to a trial team and the Multi-Jurisdictional Carjacking Task Force.

Director Allende is a faculty member for the National Association of Attorneys General Training and Research Institute and the Attorney General's Advocacy Institute. She was a Legal Research & Writing Adjunct Professor at Seton Hall University School of Law and at the Yeshiva University, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. Before her career in public service, Allende practiced land use and commercial real estate law with the law firm of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer. She holds a J.D. from Seton Hall University School of Law and a B.A. in Political Science with a minor in Philosophy from Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

DAG Heather Hausleben is a Deputy Attorney General with the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice Gangs and Organized Crime Bureau. The Bureau handles cases involving racketeering, distribution of controlled dangerous substances, weapons offenses, human trafficking, and contraband smuggling into correctional facilities. DAG Hausleben was a law clerk for Camden County Superior Court Judge Samuel Natal. She holds an undergraduate degree from the University of South Florida and a J.D. from Seton Hall Law School.

DAG Katie Morris serves in the Gangs and Organized Crimes Bureau of the Division of Criminal Justice, where she prosecutes large-scale narcotics and weapons trafficking cases. Prior to joining the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General, she was an associate in the litigation department of White and Williams LLP in Cherry Hill, NJ. DAG Morris clerked for the Honorable John T. Kelley, J.S.C. in New Jersey Superior Court in Camden after law school. She received her J.D. from Rutgers School of Law – Camden and her undergraduate degree, cum laude, from Villanova University.

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 1.5 hours of Alternative Verifiable Learning Format (AVF) total CLE credit. Of these, 1.5 qualify as hours of credit toward certification in criminal trial law, 1.5 qualify as hours of credit towards newly admitted lawyers' requirements/criminal trial preparation, and 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.