



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

Plea Negotiations

**November 14, 2024
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

WEBINAR

Program Summary

This program will address the legal obligations of prosecutors in plea negotiations. The presenter will discuss initial considerations at the start of plea discussions; relevant RPCs; dealing with unrepresented individuals; considerations with cooperating witnesses, and the importance of candor with the tribunal and adversaries.

Eligibility

This program is mandatory for new assistant prosecutors and Division of Criminal Justice deputies hired after October 2023 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

DAG Cassandra Montalto is the Deputy Chief in the Major Threats Fentanyl Reduction Unit of the Division of Criminal Justice. She oversees complex opioid investigations. Before that, she was the Deputy Chief of the Gangs and Organized Crime Bureau, where she supervised complex wiretap investigations involving racketeering, violent crime, narcotics distribution and weapons offenses. She started her career as a DAG in the Gangs and Organized Crime Bureau, where she prosecuted and tried complex cases involving racketeering, the distribution of controlled dangerous substances, weapons offenses, human trafficking, and the smuggling of contraband into correctional facilities. DAG Montalto received a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Muhlenberg College and a Juris Doctor from Rutgers Law School Newark.

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 1.2 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 1.2 qualify as hours of credit toward certification in criminal trial law, 1.2 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 who are registered will receive a confirmation email with a link to access the program.

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

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