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## **PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT**

*The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present*

### **The Fundamentals of Direct Examination**

**November 14, 2024  
1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.**

**Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex  
Advocacy Institute Conference Center  
Fourth Floor, West Wing  
25 Market Street, Trenton, New Jersey\***

**\* This program will also be simulcast as a webinar.**

#### ***Program Summary***

This program will provide students with methods for developing a sound and effective approach for conducting direct examinations to effectively present witnesses in support of their cases. The presenter will discuss the purpose of direct examination, matters to consider when formulating and conducting direct examination, elements of creating an effective and persuasive direct examination, including organization, question form and techniques for questioning, and potential issues that students may face in conducting direct examination.

#### ***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 deputy and assistant attorneys general in the Divisions of Criminal Justice and Law are also welcome to register.

### ***Faculty***

**AAG Anthony A. Picione** is the Acting Warren County Prosecutor. He was previously Deputy Director of the Office of Public Integrity and Accountability in the New Jersey Attorney General's Office. Before that, AAG Picione was the Deputy Chief and then Chief of the Division of Criminal Justice's Corruption and Government Fraud Bureau for over a decade. Prior to becoming the Acting Warren County Prosecutor, AAG Picione's practice concentrated on white-collar crime, particularly offenses involving public officials and public funds. During his career, AAG Picione has prosecuted numerous high profile cases involving public corruption and the theft of public funds. AAG Picione is a faculty member for the National Association of Attorneys General and received its Outstanding Faculty Award in 2019. He also serves as faculty for the New Jersey Police Training Commission and as an Adjunct Professor of Trial Advocacy for Rutgers Law School. AAG Picione received his B.A., *magna cum laude* from Drew University and his J.D., *cum laude* from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

### ***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 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 toward certification in civil trial law, 1.5 qualify as hours of credit towards newly admitted lawyers' requirements/criminal or civil trial preparation, and 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

**PA CLE Credit:** 1.0 substantive CLE credit (\$1.50 mandatory registration fee required).

### ***Registration***

Attorneys who are eligible to attend this program should fill out the registration form linked in the live program announcement email.