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## **PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **NEW JERSEY ASSET FORFEITURE: TAKING THE PROFIT OUT OF CRIME**

**March 30, 2011**

**10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex**

**25 Market Street**

**4th Floor Conference Center**

**Trenton, New Jersey**

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

Learn how to strip criminals of their ill-gotten gains through asset forfeiture, using *N.J.S.A. 2C:64-1, et seq.*, to seize and ultimately forfeit assets derived from, or used in furtherance of, criminal activity. This program seeks to teach detectives, investigators and attorneys to "think forfeiture" while conducting criminal investigations, with an eye toward making effective referrals to an asset-forfeiture unit in complex cases, or toward prosecuting smaller cases yourselves. The session will provide simple, step-by-step guidelines for identifying potentially forfeitable assets, seizing assets and prosecuting a forfeiture case. .

#### ***Who Should Attend?***

This program is intended for assistant prosecutors, deputy attorneys general handling criminal matters, and other law enforcement personnel involved in the investigation and prosecution of criminal matters. Others, however, may find the topics discussed of interest.

#### ***Who Is the Faculty?***

**DAG Carol Stanton Meier** is a career prosecutor specializing in asset forfeiture with the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ). She currently runs the Asset Forfeiture Unit within the Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor, and previously served as Chief of the former Civil Remedies and Forfeiture Bureau, as well as Chair of the Money Laundering Committee, within the DCJ. She is a frequent speaker and trainer on forfeiture, money laundering and other asset-recovery methods, including programs in-house, throughout New Jersey, and at the Ontario Government's International Symposium on Organized Crime in Toronto (2000). Ms. Meier has prosecuted and supervised forfeiture cases in all areas of criminal practice, focusing on complex financial investigations in money laundering, insurance and Medicaid fraud, organized crime, narcotics,

corruption and environmental matters. In earlier positions with the DCJ, she prosecuted criminal appeals and narcotics cases and served as a lobbyist. Ms. Meier is admitted to the bars of New Jersey, the United States Supreme Court, the United States Circuit Court (3rd Cir.) and the United States District Court (New Jersey), and holds degrees from Washington College of Law at American University in Washington, D.C., and Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts. Ms. Meier also is on the faculty at Wilmington University and is certified as a New Jersey Superior Court and municipal Court mediator and as a yoga instructor.

**DAG Michael T. McCormick** is a Senior Counsel with the Division of Criminal Justice's Major Crimes Bureau where his practice focuses on forfeiture issues. DAG McCormick's efforts have resulted in forfeitures of currency, real property and other assets valued at more than \$35 million. Prior to joining the Division of Criminal Justice in 1999, DAG McCormick served as Deputy Counsel and Secretary to the Board of Trustees of the New Jersey Fund for Client Protection, and was in private practice. DAG McCormick is a *cum laude* graduate of Trenton State College (now The College of New Jersey) and Seton Hall University School of Law.

Along with the primary presenters, the following individuals will be panelists for this program, each of whom will share their experience and perspective on forfeiture issues:

**SDAG Andrew Butchko** is assigned to the Gangs and Organized Crime Bureau. SDAG Butchko began his career in the Division of Criminal Justice as an investigator in the Forfeiture Bureau, and has successfully applied the forfeiture remedy in numerous gang and narcotics trafficking cases.

**DAG Erik Daab** currently serves as Deputy Chief Counsel within the Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor, Medicaid Fraud Section. In that capacity, Mr. Daab supervises multi-million-dollar Medicaid-fraud cases and related matters. In earlier positions with the Division of Criminal Justice, Mr. Daab served as Senior Counsel in the Corruption Section and prosecuted criminal appeals.

**Detective Sergeant Brandon F. Gray** is currently assigned to the New Jersey State Police's Special Investigations Section where he serves as Asset Forfeiture Coordinator. Detective Sergeant Gray will provide his perspective on the forfeiture process as managed and applied by the New Jersey State Police.

**DAG Denise Grugan** is assigned to the Division of Criminal Justice's Major Crimes Bureau. Before entering the legal profession, Denise worked in the tax department for a major accounting firm. Denise is a certified public accountant and has a master's degree in business administration with a concentration in accounting.

**DAG Anthony Picione** is assigned to the Division of Criminal Justice's Corruption Bureau. DAG Picione has extensive experience in recognizing the potential for, and incorporating, the forfeiture remedy in corruption cases.

### *How Do I Register?*

You may [REGISTER HERE](#) or online at [www.njadvocacyinstitute.com](http://www.njadvocacyinstitute.com). Registering ensures that you will receive handout material and that there will be ample space for all attendees.

### *CLE Credit*

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**NY CLE Credit:** 2.0 substantive credits (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy)

**PA CLE Credit:** 1.5 substantive credits (\$3.00 mandatory registration fee required)