



The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Announce

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

NEW JERSEY'S PAROLE PROCESS

July 30, 2014

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

Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex

6th Floor Point Meeting Area – Attorney General's Library

25 Market Street

Trenton, New Jersey

Program Summary

This presentation will provide an overview of the parole process in New Jersey. Topics will include the different statutes of offenders under supervision, how parole eligibility is determined, general and special conditions and evidence-based practices. The presentation will also discuss the process due to offenders in parole release, rescission and revocation hearings. The presenters will also present recent developments in caselaw regarding supervision of sex offenders.

Who Should Attend?

This program is open to all government attorneys, space allowing.

Who Is the Faculty?

AAG Lisa A. Puglisi is currently with the Litigation and Appellate Practice Groups in the Division of Law, wherein she reviews Division-wide state and federal appeals, as well as oversees the Judiciary and Prosecutors Section. She began her career as a law clerk for the Honorable M. Patricia Richmond, P.J.Cr. and from there came to the Division of Law as a DAG in the Insurance Fraud Unit. She transferred to the Corrections and State Police section, where she was named Lead DAG then Assistant Section Chief. She left the DOL in 2008 to be the Chief of the Legal Unit at the State Parole Board. Prior to returning to the DOL in 2012, she was Assistant Counsel in the Governor's Office, responsible for judicial and prosecutor appointments, and then named the Director of the Governor's Task Force for Recidivism Reduction. She has argued numerous cases involving parole and corrections issues in the Appellate Division and Supreme Court. She received her J.D. from Widener University School of Law and B.A. from Rutgers College.

Scott J. Dechen is currently a Regional Supervisor for the New Jersey State Parole Board's Division of Release. In this role, Mr. Dechen oversees parole operations in the state prisons, including the management of both Hearing Officers and Parole Counselors assigned to the Division of Release. Currently he manages the Victim Services Unit, the Mental Health Unit, the Serving Time Out-of-State (STOS) Unit, the Prosecutor Notification Unit, and the agency's file room as well as actively writing policy and procedure for the Division of Release. Mr. Dechen also serves as the assistant to the Director of the Division of Release.

Mr. Dechen is a twenty-five year veteran of the State Parole Board. He has advanced through the ranks within the Division of Release, from Parole Counselor to Hearing Officer to Unit Supervisor and into his current position.

Mr. Dechen earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Temple University and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University. He is a Certified Public Manager and a Professional Member of the American Correctional Association. Mr. Dechen has been awarded the Chairman's Award for Supervisory Excellence on two separate occasions.

Mr. Dechen also had an active role in the resolution of Hawker v. Consovoy in 2001.

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 2.0 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism and 2.0 qualify as hours of credit toward certification in criminal trial law.

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).

How Do I Register?

State Employees

Most State employees are able to register for this course by going to <http://reg.dcj.lps.state.nj.us/login.aspx?portalid=2> and creating an AGAI Course Registration account. To do so, your computer **must** be attached to the government's Garden State Network. Upon opening the AGAI Course Registration System home page, you will see the Create Account link in the Login Box. Click on it and create your account, which will include you selecting a user name and password. Once you create your account, you can access the AGAI Course Registration System at <http://reg.dcj.lps.state.nj.us/login.aspx?portalid=2> to register for future courses or to manage your account. Please retain your user name and password for your records.

Non-State Employees or State Employees not Connected to the Garden State Network

If you are not a State employee, or are otherwise unable to access the AGAI Course Registration System through the Garden State Network, kindly email the Advocacy Institute at: AdvocacyInstitute@lps.state.nj.us for an authorization code to allow you access to the AGAI Course Registration System through the My New Jersey portal. **Setting up your account through the portal is a two-step process, the details of which are set forth in the next two paragraphs.**

Once you receive the portal authorization code you will be prompted to go to the My New Jersey portal at <http://www.state.nj.us/> and create a portal account. Once your portal account is created you are prompted to enter your authorization code. This is Step 1 of the process, which you need only do once.

If you have already been issued an authorization code in the past you do not need to request another one. You can log into your account on the Garden State Network at <http://www.state.nj.us> and under the heading NJ L&PS Applications you will see the Attorney General's Advocacy Institute's Registration System. Click on that and log into your account on our system.

Upon setting up your portal account, you need to set up your AGAI Course Registration System account. This is Step 2. To do so, log on to the My New Jersey Portal <http://www.state.nj.us/>. Upon opening the AGAI Course Registration System home page, you will see the Create Account link in the Login Box. Click on it and create your account, which will include you selecting a new user name and password. Once you create your account, you can access the AGAI Course Registration System at <http://reg.dcj.lps.state.nj.us/login.aspx?portalid=2> to register for future courses or to manage your account. Please retain your user name and password for your records.