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PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

FEDERAL AND STATE ATTORNEYS FEE AWARDS

September 13, 2011

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

Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex

Point Meeting Area - Attorney General's Library

6th Floor, West Wing

25 Market Street

Trenton, NJ

Program Summary

This seminar will offer an overview of key Supreme Court of the United States and Third Circuit Court of Appeals decisions governing applications by prevailing plaintiffs and defendants for attorneys fees pursuant to 42 U.S.C. section 1988. In addition, a comparison will be provided for attorney fee awards to prevailing plaintiffs in New Jersey Civil Rights Act and OPRA litigation as well as federal Prisoner Litigation Reform Act suits.

Who Should Attend?

While this program is intended for attorneys handling litigation in which these issues may arise, others, however, may find it of interest.

Who Is the Faculty?

AAG Andrea Silkowitz clerked during the summer and fall of 1975 for the Division of Law and joined the Division as a Law Assistant in September 1976. She was appointed a Deputy Attorney General in December 1976. In 1981, Andrea assumed the position of Deputy Attorney General in Charge of Appeals in Trenton and in late 1982, transferred to the Newark office, where she has continued to supervise appeals. In July 1987, she was appointed as an Assistant Attorney General. Andrea has argued numerous appeals before the Supreme Court of New Jersey, the Appellate Division, and the Third Circuit.

DAG Dianne Moratti is the Section Chief of the Corrections and State Police section in the Division of Law. DAG Moratti is a graduate of Rutgers Law School - Camden. Following a federal clerkship with the Hon. Jerome B. Simandle, U.S.D.J., she worked in private practice for several

years before joining the Division of Law in the former FedCor section. DAG Moratti was promoted to Section Chief in 1999. She primarily represents the Department of Corrections in federal civil rights lawsuits filed in both federal and state court.

How Do I Register?

Most State and some county employees will be able to register for this course by going to <http://reg.dcj.lps.state.nj.us/login.aspx?portalid=2> and creating an account. (Your computer must be attached to the government's Garden State Network.). If you are unable to access the above link kindly email the Advocacy Institute at: AdvocacyInstitute@lps.state.nj.us for an authorization code to allow you access to the registration system through the My New Jersey portal. Once you receive the authorization code you will be prompted to go to the My New Jersey portal at <http://www.state.nj.us/> and create an account, if you do not already have one. Once you do, you then will be able to register through the portal at <http://www.state.nj.us>.

CLE Credit

NJ CLE Credit: This program had 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 civil 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).