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## **PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **STATE APPELLATE PRACTICE SEMINAR**

**September 23, 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**

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

This presentation on state appellate practice will provide an overview of the court rules governing civil appeals in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division and the Supreme Court of New Jersey, with particular emphasis upon appeals from state agency decisions. The presentation will provide an overview and practice points regarding civil motion practice in the appellate courts, emergent and interlocutory appeals, as well as adjudicative and rulemaking appeals. In addition, the seminar will highlight significant appeals decided in the last Term as well as those pending before the Appellate Division and Supreme Court. This presentation will provide an overview of DOL appellate policies and a survey of key Court rules governing our practice before the Appellate Division and the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

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

This presentation is intended for attorneys with limited or no prior state appellate experience who did not attend the July 2010 Division of Law Appellate Symposium, and who are assigned to handle state court appeals. Others, however, may find this program 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.

**AAG Melissa Raksa** is the Assistant Attorney General in Charge of Appeals for the Division of Law, having been appointed an AAG for Appeals in 2008. During her career with the Division, she has served as a DAG in the Banking & Insurance and Labor, Personnel & Community Affairs Sections, Lead DAG in the Insurance Fraud Unit, and Assistant Section Chief and then Section Chief of the Health and Human Services Section. She began her career with the Division of Law in 1995, following an Appellate Division clerkship.

### *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](mailto: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.

**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).