



The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Announce

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

WHITE COLLAR/CORRUPTION INVESTIGATIONS

October 29, 2014

4:00 p.m. to 5:30 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 focus on the investigative red flags for White Collar/Corruption cases and investigative steps necessary to investigate these types of cases. This presentation will also discuss the following topics: Case opening/referral, Investigation (plan/strategy), SDT's/Document Review, Charges (Theft, Fraud, ML, OM, etc.), and State Grand Jury (witnesses, exhibits, discovery, etc.).

Who Should Attend?

This program is intended for newly hired deputy attorneys general within the Division of Criminal Justice. The Division of Criminal Justice has selected those attorneys who must attend this program. Others within the Department of Law and Public Safety are welcome to attend space permitting. Please do not attempt to register for this program if you are not within the Department of Law and Public Safety.

Who Is the Faculty?

SDAG Robert Czepiel, Jr. has been a prosecutor at the county and state levels in New Jersey for over 19 years. Mr. Czepiel has been employed at the New Jersey Office of Attorney General-Division of Criminal Justice in the Official Corruption Bureau for the seven years and the DCJ Training Bureau for three years serving in the position of Executive Director. His responsibilities include updating, training, and creating the curriculum for law enforcement officers and prosecutors on numerous legal courses offered by the Division of Criminal Justice and the Police Training Commission. He lectures and teaches on such topics as Search Warrants, Warrantless Searches and Seizures, Trial Tactics, Ethics, Criminal Code, Use of Force, Conductive Energy Devices, Grand Jury Presentations, Constitutional Law, Court Testimony, Corruption Investigations/Prosecutions, Money Laundering Investigation/Prosecutions, White

Collar Investigations/Prosecutions and Witness Preparation. Previously, he was employed as an Assistant Prosecutor at the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office for several years. His experience includes the prosecution of complex white collar crimes in the field of public corruption; street crimes such as homicides, aggravated sexual assault, robbery, and drug distribution cases; family matters such as domestic violence and juvenile delinquency cases; and appellate matters. He has appeared before the Superior Court of New Jersey both Law and Appellate Division(s) and the Supreme Court of New Jersey and successfully tried numerous high profile cases to verdict. He was the recipient of the 2008 "Excellence in Legal Support Award" by the New Jersey Office of Attorney General for the trial and conviction of the former chief of staff of the New Jersey Commerce and Economic Growth Commission for multiple counts of Official Misconduct. He is the recipient of the 2004 DCJ "Chief Award" for the investigation and prosecution of a former assemblyman for allegations of campaign fraud. He is a recipient of the 2013 Attorney General Award for efforts done to keep the DCJ Academy open after the Academy sustained substantial damage as a result of Hurricane Sandy. He is a member of the New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Jury Selection. Mr. Czepiel has been adjunct professor of law at Widener University School of Law in Delaware for several years having taught white collar/corruption and served as professor/coach for several teams that competed in national trial competitions. He is a volunteer instructor with the Intensive Trial Advocacy Program through Widener Law School. He is also an adjunct professor at Burlington County College having taught law and criminal justice related courses. He has taught numerous courses at the New Jersey Attorney General Advocacy Institute in the field of trial advocacy; search and seizure; search warrants; white collar and corruption prosecutions/investigations; and the basic course for prosecuting attorneys. He has also taught at the NAGTRI Mobile Advocacy Institute in Princeton, New Jersey and NAGTI training concerning ethical issues for prosecutors in Human Trafficking Prosecutions. He has been NITA certified for several years. Mr. Czepiel has also presented numerous CLE courses dealing with opening statements, closing arguments, direct and cross examination techniques. He graduated from Widener Law School in Harrisburg and was admitted to the New Jersey Bar in 1997.

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 1.8 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism, and 1.8 qualify as hours of credit toward certification in criminal trial law.

NY CLE Credit: 1.5 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.