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PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

2012 NEW JERSEY BRIDGE THE GAP SYMPOSIUM

October 23, 2012

8:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.¹

**New Jersey State Museum Auditorium
205 West State Street
Trenton, New Jersey**

Program Summary

This comprehensive five-presentation symposium is intended to provide “newly admitted” attorneys with the opportunity to meet their *BCLE Reg.* 201:2 obligations. The presentations will include Family Law Practice 101; Basic Estate Planning 101, Basic Estate Administration 101, Real Estate Closing Procedures 101, and Municipal Court Practice 101, the full descriptions of which are contained in the attached course summary.

Who Should Attend?

This program is intended for “newly admitted lawyers” who must satisfy their obligations under *BCLE Reg.* 201:2. Please do not attempt to register for this program if you are not a “newly admitted lawyer” as defined under *BCLE Reg.* 103:1(n).

Who Is the Faculty?

See Attached.

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 up to 7.5 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism. Moreover, participants will be able to apply the credits awarded for these presentations toward their New Jersey *Newly Admitted Lawyer* obligations.

¹ Registration is from 8:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

NY CLE Credit: Up to 7.5 substantive credits (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy).

PA CLE Credit: 6.0 substantive credits (\$1.50 per credit mandatory registration fee required).

How Do I Register?

You must apply separately for each presentation you are interested in attending. Registering for one presentation does not mean you are registered for any of the other four presentations.

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. This is Step 1 of the process, which you need only do once.

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.

COURSE SUMMARY & FACULTY BIOGRAPHIES

Basic Estate Planning 101

9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Summary: Estate planning involves not only the determination of who will inherit your property after your death, but who will take care of you and your property before your death if you should become incapacitated. Estate planning also should include actions intended to minimize taxes and address issues related to the care and custody of minor children and individuals with special needs. This insightful presentation will focus on the foundational documents of basic estate planning and what factors should be considered when drafting them.

Presenter: **Fiona Van Dyck, Esq.** is in private practice in Princeton, New Jersey as the founding partner of the firm Van Dyck Law, LLC where she concentrates her practice in estate planning, including wills, trusts and asset protection planning, estate administration, elder law and guardianships. Admitted to practice in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York, Ms. Van Dyck is a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association, the Mercer County Estate Planning Council, Wealth Counsel, Elder Counsel and the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA). Ms. Van Dyck lectures on estate planning, asset protection and elder law issues to various private and public groups and has written on various estate planning issues. Ms. Van Dyck received her undergraduate degree from Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey and her law degree from Rutgers School of Law – Camden. She has also received an LL.M. from the University of London with a concentration in business law.

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Basic Estate Administration 101

10:25 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.

Summary: Estate Administration can be defined as the process of distributing property of a deceased individual to the persons who are designated by the decedent or the application of law as the recipients of such property. It can involve court-supervised processes, such as formal probate and administration, as well as informal processes, such as the filing of beneficiary claims forms or changing the registration on joint accounts. The focus of this intriguing presentation will be on the more formal aspects of estate administration.

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Family Law Practice 101 **12:40 p.m. – 1:55 p.m.**

Summary: This engrossing presentation is designed for new practitioners and will introduce standards and practices in family law. Juvenile, matrimonial and child welfare case types will be explored through the lens of child custody. Thus, options for placement of juveniles adjudged delinquent will be reviewed. The standards governing child custody as among private litigants (whether in divorce or non-dissolution cases) will be discussed. The presenter also will discuss the conditions under which a state may exert its *parens patriae* authority to protect children via New Jersey state statute, the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act and the Hague Convention. This is an introductory presentation, designed to give a broad overview of legal practices touching on children and families.

Faculty: **AAG Lauren Carlton** joined the Division of Law in 1981 after graduating from Duke Law School. First hired as a Law Assistant, Lauren was a DYFS deputy for many years before being promoted to Assistant Section Chief for Consumer Protection and Securities, and then to Chief for a combined Securities and DYFS Section. Lauren has created and taught many courses for DYFS staff and for Deputies in lawyering skills and substantive DYFS law, created the DYFS DAG Manual and enhanced the DYFS brief bank. She is presently AAG in Charge for the DYFS Practice Group and loves her work.

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Real Estate Closing Procedures 101

2:05 p.m. to 3:20 p.m.

Summary: Closings on commercial and residential properties occur every day. This engaging presentation will provide a basic overview of the real estate closing process in New Jersey. Among the topics addressed will be the attorney's role in preparing for and participating in, a closing, the common documents needed to ensure a closing can occur, the various adjustments to which parties are entitled, and the proper recordation of the closing documents. Participants will leave this presentation with a clearer understanding of a common, yet sometimes complicated, process.

Presenter: **Director Michael I. Halfacre** was appointed as Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control by Governor Chris Christie. He began his work as Acting Director on February 6, 2012 and, after New Jersey Senate confirmation, was sworn in as Director on March 30, 2012. Prior to his appointment as Director, Mr. Halfacre was in private practice, including having his own firm where he specialized in transactions, including sales and refinance of real estate and transfers of ABC licenses. During this time Director Halfacre also served as a municipal prosecutor in Little Silver and Rumson, where he argued for convictions for drunk drivers and adults who provided alcohol to underage drinkers. While in the private sector, Director Halfacre served as a trustee of the New Jersey State Bar Foundation, Ocean-Monmouth Legal Services and the Monmouth Bar Association. A lifelong resident of Fair Haven, Director Halfacre served in various elected and appointed positions in the municipality, including serving as Mayor from 2007 through his appointment as Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control. Director Halfacre earned his undergraduate degree in Political Science from Florida State University, where he was the co-captain of the varsity swimming team. He later earned his law degree from the University of Dayton. He was admitted to the New Jersey Bar in 1991.

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Municipal Court Practice 101

3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Summary: Our municipal courts handle those issues that affect people's everyday lives. As courts of limited jurisdiction, municipal courts handle the prosecution and resolution of traffic

infractions, minor criminal matters and local ordinance violations. This encompassing presentation will provide a basic overview of municipal court practice in New Jersey. Those who attend will explore with the presenter a wide variety of issues that attorneys are likely to encounter in municipal court, in this introductory program, the presenter will discuss common discovery issues, how to prepare for court appearances, the plea negotiation process, and trials. The presenter also will review recent cases of note and relevant rules and procedures

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