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PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

2012 CIVIL ETHICS FEST

**November 20, 2012
10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
NJ Forensic Science & Technology Center
1200 Negron Drive
Hamilton, New Jersey**

Program Summary

This program is intended to provide attorneys with an excellent opportunity to obtain up to four Continuing Legal Education ethics/professionalism credits for attending three presentations. Those interested in attending this program may seek to register for one, two or all three presentations, the descriptive summaries of which are attached.

Who Should Attend?

This program is intended for attorneys handling civil and administrative matters, but others may find one or more of the presentations of interest.

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 4.0 total hours of total CLE credit. Of these, up to 4.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

NY CLE Credit: Up to 4.0 ethics credits (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy).

PA CLE Credit: Up to 3.5 ethics 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 the other two 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 DESCRIPTIONS & FACULTY INFORMATION

HOW TO BE PROFESSIONAL WHEN DEALING WITH YOUR ADVERSARY

The demands of litigation are seemingly never ending. Despite the pressures of these demands attorneys are both ethically and professionally obligated to treat other members of the Bar with whom they deal with courtesy and respect. This presentation will focus on what is expected of attorneys in terms of civility when dealing with their peers and will discuss strategies for doing so in those difficult situations where an adversary may not be acting in a confrontational or inappropriate manner. **(10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.)**

DAG Jim Harris has served as a Deputy Attorney General in the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for more than 25 years. During that time, he has worked in criminal justice, juvenile justice, and civil law. DAG Harris is currently Chief of the DCF South section. In the past, he has litigated cases for clients that include the State Police, the New Jersey Judiciary, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Children and Families and the Bureau of Parole. He has had numerous jury and non-jury trials involving civil rights, employment discrimination, whistle blowers, child abuse and parental termination. He has successfully argued numerous cases before the New Jersey Supreme Court and the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. He is a graduate of Rutgers University of Law, Camden, where he was Managing Editor of the Law Journal. DAG Harris also has an LL.M from Columbia School of Law in New York City.

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, 2.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

NY CLE Credit: 2.0 ethics credits (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy).

PA CLE Credit: 1.5 ethics credits (\$3.00 mandatory registration fee required).

LAWYERS' ETIQUETTE IS NOT AN OXYMORON

Etiquette is the way that people conduct themselves in polite society. This presentation deals with civility and professionalism in the ways attorneys interact with co-workers, clients and adversaries and offers practical tips on difficult work situations. In addition, it will review some basic manners applicable to all professional situations. **(1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.)**

Carol Jacobson, Esq., who recently retired from State service, joined the Division of Law in 1990. At the time of her retirement, Carol was an Assistant Attorney General in the Affirmative Civil Enforcement Litigation Practice Group and the Ethics Officer for the Division of Law in Newark. Prior to joining the Division of Law, she was in private practice. Carol is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and Seton Hall University School of Law.

NJ CLE Credit: This program has been approved by the Board on Continuing Legal Education of the Supreme Court of New Jersey for 1.2 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 1.2 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

NY CLE Credit: 1.0 ethics credit (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy).

PA CLE Credit: 1.0 ethics credit (\$1.50 mandatory registration fee required).

CIVILITY IN THE COURTROOM

The demands of litigation are seemingly never ending. Despite the pressures of these demands, attorneys are both ethically and professionally obligated to treat members of the Bar and others with whom they deal with courtesy and respect, while effectively representing their clients. This very engaging and thought provoking presentation will focus on what is expected of attorneys in terms of civility and professionalism when appearing before the courts of this state, and will discuss strategies for doing so in those difficult situations where others may be acting in a confrontational or inappropriate manner. **(2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.)**

AAG Brian F. McDonough is the Assistant Attorney General-in-Charge of the Affirmative Civil Enforcement Practice Group. Prior to joining the Division of Law, he was in private practice with a national law firm for twenty nine years where he specialized in securities and commercial litigation in the New York and New Jersey state and federal courts, as well as in arbitration tribunals throughout the country. Throughout the course of his career he has also devoted significant amounts of time to pro bono civil rights and capital post-conviction litigation. He began his career as a law clerk to former New Jersey Supreme Court Justice Robert Wilentz.

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