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## **PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **THE VIRTUES OF A CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE AND GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR TRIAL ATTORNEYS**

**December 10, 2012  
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
124 Halsey Street  
7th Floor - Monmouth Room  
Newark, NJ**

#### *Program Summary*

This highly informative presentation will focus upon a core set of principles to which trial attorneys can adhere in litigating cases before the courts of this State. These common sense principles are intended to enhance the participants' ability to effectively represent their clients while meeting their professional obligations to their adversaries and the courts. This presentation will also address the unique role of government attorneys in the legal system. Those who attend will walk away with a core set of principles to guide them in practicing before the courts of this State.

#### *Who Should Attend?*

This program is open to attorneys within the Department of Law and Public Safety and members of the Office of the Public Defender only. Please do not attempt to register for this program if you are not an attorney within these offices.

#### *Who Is the Faculty?*

**The Honorable Robert A. Kirsch, J.S.C.**, was sworn in as a Judge of the Superior Court in January 2010, and sits in Union County. After taking the oath, Judge Kirsch was first assigned to preside over charges of child abuse and neglect, including litigation seeking the termination of parental rights. At present, Judge Kirsch presides over matters of juvenile delinquency, including cases of juveniles charged with murder, sexual assault, carjacking, armed robbery and the like.

Before being appointed to the bench, Judge Kirsch served for more than twelve years as an Assistant United States Attorney in Newark. In that capacity, Judge Kirsch served for more than eight years as a federal prosecutor specializing in sophisticated white-collar fraud, handling a

number of nationally high-profile criminal prosecutions. As a prosecutor, Judge Kirsch tried numerous cases involving complex international and domestic investment and corporate financial fraud schemes, as well as garden-variety prosecutions for drug trafficking, weapons offenses and theft. In addition, Judge Kirsch also served for four years in the Civil Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office where he handled civil litigation matters involving claims of employment discrimination, medical malpractice, constitutional torts and personal injury.

Prior to his tenure in the U.S. Attorney's Office, Judge Kirsch served for four years in the Attorney General's Honors Program at the U.S. Department of Justice, as a Trial Attorney in the Civil Division, handling complex civil litigation matters on behalf of the United States. Over his career in public service, he has received numerous awards and commendations for outstanding performance.

After graduating from Fordham University School of Law, with honors, he clerked for the Honorable William J. Zloch, a United States District Court Judge in Florida. He received his undergraduate degree in Political Science from Emory University, where he graduated *magna cum laude*.

### ***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 1.2 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 1.2 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism, and 1.2 qualify as hours of credit toward certification in civil trial law, criminal trial law and workers compensation law.

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

**PA CLE Credit:** 1.0 ethics credits (\$1.50 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](mailto: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.