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PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

LITIGATING AN OPRA CASE

May 9, 2013

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex

6th Floor Point Meeting Area – Attorney General's Library

25 Market Street

Trenton, New Jersey

Program Summary

Public agencies face numerous Open Public Records Act (OPRA) lawsuits and Government Records Council (GRC) complaints concerning their handling of OPRA requests. This presentation will discuss the special procedures and issues applicable to litigating OPRA cases in the trial court and before the GRC on behalf of public agencies. In addition to covering procedural issues, this program will provide tips on topics such as key legal defenses, in camera review, privilege logs, attorney fee awards and common law right to know claims. This presentation will be geared toward attorneys of all experience levels.

Who Should Attend?

This program is intended for those attorneys who litigate OPRA matters. Others, however, may find the issues discussed of interest.

Who Is the Faculty?

AAG Lewis Scheindlin is an Assistant Attorney General for Appeals, Division of Law. Since Enactment of OPRA in 2002, AAG Scheindlin has supervised all OPRA litigation and legal advice for the State, and has directly handled a number of significant OPRA cases in the Appellate Division and New Jersey Supreme Court. AAG Scheindlin is a frequent presenter for the Attorney General's Advocacy Institute on topics including OPRA, appellate practice and attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine.

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 2.0 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism, and 2.0 qualify as hours of credit toward certification in civil trial law.

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).

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. 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.