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## **PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **INMATE LITIGATION**

**September 17, 2013**

**10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.**

**Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex**

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

**25 Market Street**

**Trenton, New Jersey**

#### *Program Summary*

This presentation will provide an overview of prisoner civil rights litigation, with an emphasis in federal practice. A general overview of section 983 practice will be supplemented with the nuances and benefits of the PLRA. The particular challenges of handling cases with incarcerated plaintiffs will be discussed.

#### *Who Should Attend?*

This program is open to all government attorneys.

#### *Who Is the Faculty?*

**DAG Joseph M. Micheletti** is the Assistant Section Chief of the Corrections Unit, Division of Law. In this capacity he supervises line deputies and directs the defense of civil rights litigations brought against the Department of Corrections and its employees. Prior to becoming Assistant Section Chief of the Corrections Unit, he worked with the Employment Litigation Section of Division of Law wherein he provided representation to state agencies and employees in complex employment litigation matters in state and federal court. He received a B.S. in Management in 1990 from The Pennsylvania State University and a J.D. from Seton Hall University School of Law in 1994. He served as a Barrister with the Mercer County Inn-of-Court from 2005 to 2009 and is currently a faculty member for NAGTRI.

**DAG Dianne Moratti** is the Section Chief of the Corrections and State Police section in the Division of Law. DAG Moratti is a graduate of Rutgers Law School - Camden. Following a federal clerkship with the Hon. Jerome B. Simandle, U.S.D.J., she worked in private practice for several years before joining the Division of Law in the former FedCor section. DAG Moratti was

promoted to Section Chief in 1999. She primarily represents the Department of Corrections in federal civil rights lawsuits filed in both federal and state court.

### *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, 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism and 1.2 qualify as hours of credit toward certification in criminal trial law.

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

**PA CLE Credit:** 1.0 substantive 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.