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## **PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **AN OVERVIEW OF THE NEW JERSEY AND FEDERAL FALSE CLAIMS ACTS**

**March 11, 2014**

**11:00 a.m. to 1:00 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 the New Jersey False Claims Act, and will include a discussion of the parallel Federal False Claims Act and the recent recoveries obtained by states and the federal government under these powerful tools to combat fraud against the government. The presentation will cover the key provisions of the New Jersey statute, and relevant developing state and federal case law. It will also address the anatomy of a false claims act investigation, whether filed in federal or state court, and practical considerations in investigating false claims act matters and deciding whether the State should intervene, and will review recent settlements of the Government and HealthCare Fraud Section.

#### ***Who Should Attend?***

This program is intended for all government attorneys, space allowing.

#### ***Who Is the Faculty?***

**Joan Karn** is a Deputy Attorney General in the Government & Healthcare Fraud Section, where she is responsible for the investigation and prosecution of complex False Claims Act matters. Prior to joining the Attorney General's office, Joan was an associate with the law firm of Latham & Watkins, where she handled complex commercial litigation cases. She was a law clerk to the Honorable Jaynee LaVecchia, Associate Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court, during the 2005-2006 term. Joan is a 2005 graduate of Seton Hall University School of Law, where she graduated *Magna Cum Laude* and was a member of the Law Review.

**Janine Matton** is a Deputy Attorney General and the Assistant Chief in the Government & Healthcare Fraud Section, where she is responsible for the investigation and litigation of complex False Claims Act matters and other affirmative cases focusing on consumer, healthcare,

securities and government fraud. Janine joined the Department of Law and Public Safety in 2007 serving as a Special Assistant to Attorneys General Rabner and Milgram. Prior to joining the Attorney General's office, Janine was an associate with the law firm of Norris McLaughlin and Marcus, PA, where she handled complex commercial litigation cases. She was a law clerk to the Honorable Virginia A. Long during the 2003-2004 term. Janine is a 2003 graduate of Columbia University School of Law, where she was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. Janine also holds an M.A. in Economics, from Rutgers University, and has over eleven years of experience in market analysis in the telecommunications and pharmaceutical industries.

**Michelle Weiner** has served as a Deputy Attorney General since 2003 and began her career as a Deputy Attorney General, in the Consumer Affairs Counseling section, where she counselled the Board of Medical Examiners on federal and state health care anti-kickback and anti-referral laws and the corporate practice of medicine. She is currently in the Government & Healthcare Fraud section, where she concentrates on healthcare fraud. She provided advice when the New Jersey False Claims Act was drafted. Michelle came to the Division of Law from the U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of New York, where she received awards for sustained superior performance during her ten years of service. She is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where she was a Legal Research Fellow, and the University of California, Berkeley.

### *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.

**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](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. Once your portal account is created you are prompted to enter your authorization code. This is Step 1 of the process, which you need only do once.

**If you have already been issued an authorization code in the past you do not need to request another one.** You can log into your account on the Garden State Network at <http://www.state.nj.us> and under the heading NJ L&PS Applications you will see the Attorney General's Advocacy Institute's Registration System. Click on that and log into your account on our system.

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.