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PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CLE EVENT

**April 4, 2014
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
NJ Department of Education
Learning Resource Center
200 Riverview Plaza
1st Floor, Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey**

Program Summary

The New Jersey Department of Education will be providing two presentations during this program. The topics and presenters are listed on the following pages.

Who Should Attend?

This program is intended for those within the New Jersey Department of Education who have been invited to attend, only. Please do not attempt to register for this program if you have not been invited to attend.

Who Is the Faculty?

Please see attached.

CLE Credit

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NY CLE Credit: up to 2.0 substantive credits and up to 1.0 ethics credits (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy).

PA CLE Credit: up to 1.5 substantive credits and up to 1.0 ethics credit (\$1.50 mandatory registration fee required per credit).

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. 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.

LIST OF COURSES AND PRESENTERS

SPECIAL EDUCATION: AN OVERVIEW OF SELECT LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This presentation will provide an overview of the special education process in New Jersey with a focus on select legal requirements relating to the identification, evaluation and provision of special education and related services for children with disabilities. The presentation will include a discussion of federal requirements set forth in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and state requirements as detailed in N.J.A.C. 6A:14. **(9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.)**

John Worthington, Esq., is the Manager of the Bureau of Policy and Planning, Office of Special Education Programs within the New Jersey Department of Education. In this capacity he oversees the implementation of administrative of policy for the office, including development of regulations, model IEPs and the Parental Rights in Special Education booklet. In addition, Mr. Worthington oversees the dispute resolution system, the complaint investigation process, the approval and monitoring of approved private schools for students with disabilities and clinics and agencies, the SEMI program, and the IDEA Part B and AARA grant processes. Prior to obtaining his current position, Mr. Worthington worked for eleven years for the New Jersey Attorney General, primarily representing the Department of Education, and in July of 2000 began working for the Department of Education. Initially, he worked in the Bureau of Controversies and Disputes assisting in the preparation of Commissioner decisions in contested cases. From September 2002 to March 2005, he worked in the Office of Special Education Programs as the Coordinator of Dispute Resolution. In March 2005, Mr. Worthington became the Coordinator of Policy Development in the Office of Special Education Programs. In January, 2007, Mr. Worthington was appointed Acting Director of State Board of Appeals, in addition to continuing his duties as Coordinator of Policy Development. In this capacity, he oversaw the processing and determination of appeals of decisions of the Commissioner of Education, State Board of Examiners and School Ethics Commission on behalf of the New Jersey State Board of Education. After the Office of State Board Appeals closed in the Spring of 2008, he returned full-time to the Office of Special Education Programs. In the Fall of 2009 he became the Acting Manager of the Bureau of Policy and Planning.

Kathy Ehling, Esq., is the Coordinator of State Performance Planning, Office of Special Education Programs within the New Jersey Department of Education. Kathy's primary responsibilities within the OSEP include coordinating the annual submission of the State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report to the United States Department of Education, coordinating the submission of New Jersey's annual IDEA Part-B application, and developing policy and regulatory documents. Ms. Ehling worked as a complaint investigator and mediator prior to becoming a coordinator. Prior to joining the department, Kathy worked as a fifth grade teacher in the West Windsor-Plainsboro School District.

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

CIVILITY IN THE PRACTICE OF LAW

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. **(11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.)**

AAG Anthony Zarrillo is currently an Assistant Attorney General assigned to the Attorney General's Advocacy Institute. Prior to his current position he was an AAG with the Division of Gaming Enforcement. Before joining the Division of Gaming Enforcement he was the Executive Director of the New Jersey Office of Counter-Terrorism and served as Deputy Director of the Division of Criminal Justice in charge of investigations where he oversaw approximately 75 DAsG and 200+ investigators. Prior to joining the Department of Law and Public Safety, he ran a law firm in Cherry Hill for 17 years where he specialized in criminal defense work. He also served as Deputy Chief of the homicide unit in the Camden County Prosecutors Office in the late 1970s. AAG Zarrillo has tried approximately 200 jury trials in New Jersey and in federal courts in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York City, Baltimore and Wilmington, Delaware. Most of these were criminal cases either as a prosecutor or defense attorney. His trial experience includes trying approximately 20 homicides as a prosecutor and as lead prosecutor in a 57 defendant criminal anti-trust conspiracy trial. He has tried several dozen administrative cases as well. AAG Zarrillo has taught Trial Advocacy at Rutgers Camden Law School since 2005. He is also a grader for the New Jersey Bar Exam and has been for 20 years.

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