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## **PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **LEGAL ASPECTS OF COMPENSATING VICTIMS OF CRIME: VICTIMS OF CRIMES COMPENSATION OFFICE**

**October 22, 2014  
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
New Jersey State House  
125 West State Street  
3rd Floor, Authorities Conference Room  
Trenton, New Jersey**

#### *Program Summary*

This 2.0 hour presentation will examine the laws and regulations governing eligibility and compensation of claim applications before the VCCO. This presentation will focus on the structure of the VCCO, how to file an application, eligibility requirements, compensable crimes, compensable damages, catastrophic claims, subrogation, common reasons for denials and appeals before the VCC Review Board.

#### *Who Should Attend?*

**This program is intended solely for those selected to participate in the State House Series programs, notice of which such persons have already received. Please do not attempt to register if you have not been so selected.**

#### *Who Is the Faculty?*

**AAG John G. Holl** is the Deputy Director of the Victims of Crimes Compensation Office, a position he has held since October 2008. In this capacity AAG Holl's duties include supervising VCCO investigative staff; approving orders of payment to claimants; providing legal advice to VCCO staff; handling subrogation, restitution and compromise lien cases; supervising the appellate caseload; and educating and training staff; supervision of summer intern program. Mr. Holl entered private practice upon graduating from Fordham College and Fordham University School of Law. Since joining the Department of Law and Public Safety in 1983, AAG Holl has held a variety of staff and supervisory positions, and served as Acting Bergen County Prosecutor in 1989 and 1990. During his tenure with the Attorney General's Office, AAG Holl successfully

argued *Hilton v. Braunskill* before United States Supreme Court, and *State v. Gantt* and *State v. Whitehead* in the New Jersey Supreme Court. Throughout his career, Mr. Holl also has been involved with various professional and civic organizations.

**DAG Megan J. Harris** has served with the Department of Law & Public Safety since November 2004. Since January 2010, she has provided representation and counseling to the Victims of Crime Compensation Office, focusing on claim hearings before the Victims of Crime Compensation Review Board and criminal restitution proceedings in New Jersey Superior Court. Her primary assignment is with the Civil Rights Section of the Division of Law, providing representation and counseling to the Division on Civil Rights, and litigating cases of unlawful discrimination in housing, employment, and places of public accommodation. Megan's past assignments with the Department of Law & Public Safety include Securities Fraud Prosecution and Juvenile Delinquency Prevention. Megan graduated from Cornell Law School in 2001 and practiced in the private sector as a litigation associate for three years. She graduated from Emory University in 1997 with a B.A. in Political Science and English & Creative Writing.

### *CLE Credit*

**NJ CLE Credit:** This program had 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.