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PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

THE SPILL ACT: FROM DRIPS TO DISCHARGES

October 23, 2014

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.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 examine the causation requirements faced by the State under the Spill Compensation and Control Act in light of the Supreme Court's 2012 decision in NJDEP v. Dimant. We will look at the underlying facts of that matter and the Supreme Court's holding, focusing on what is the causation requirement on a party such as NJDEP when it seeks to hold dischargers liable for cleanup and removal costs. The case has been often cited since its decision by Spill Act public and private practitioners, as it is one of the recent major decisions interpreting the Spill Act, and has implications on the protection of the environment and the recovery of public funds used to address contaminated sites.

Who Should Attend?

This program is open to all government attorneys, space allowing.

Who Is the Faculty?

DAG Paul Stofa joined the Division of Law in 2003, where he is assigned to the Environmental Enforcement Section and works primarily on cost recovery and natural resource damages (NRD) matters on behalf of the Department of Environmental Protection and other State agencies. He has litigated matters in the Superior Court of New Jersey and in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey. Before joining the Division of Law, he clerked at the Office of Administrative Law and previously worked as a legal intern at the United States Environmental Protection Agency-Region II, and at Hess Corporation in Woodbridge, NJ. He received his Juris Doctorate from Seton Hall University School of Law, and a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Policy from Rutgers University, Cook College.

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.

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 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

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