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## **PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **LIABILITIES AND IMMUNITIES UNDER THE NEW JERSEY TORT CLAIMS ACT**

**January 20, 2015**

**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 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 program will provide an introduction to sovereign immunity in the State of New Jersey and will provide an overview of public entity defense under New Jersey's Tort Claims Act, N.J.S.A. 59:1-1 et seq. This presentation will include explanations of the statute's notice requirements, restrictions on suits and damages, as well as applications of the liabilities and immunities provided under the Act.

#### *Who Should Attend?*

This program is primarily intended for DAsG and paralegals in the Environmental Protection Group; the Environmental Enforcement and Environmental Permitting and Counseling sections. However, this program is also open to all government attorneys, space allowing.

#### *Who Is the Faculty?*

**DAG Jill Deitch** was appointed Section Chief of Tort Litigation in February 2014. She graduated from Cardozo School of Law in 1997 and clerked for the Honorable Robert P. Figarotta, Presiding Judge, Criminal Division. In 1998, Jill joined the Division of Law and was assigned to Tort. In 2010, she was appointed Assistant Section Chief. Jill served on the Supreme Court Committee for Complementary Dispute Resolution until 2013 and is currently a member of the Supreme Court Committee on Model Jury Charges. Jill has represented State defendants on numerous jury trials throughout the State.

**DAG Stephen Tucker** joined the Division of Law in December 2012 as a Volunteer Associate in the Tort Litigation Section. He was hired as a deputy in the Tort Litigation Section in March 2013 wherein he is responsible for defending a full docket of civil cases brought under the New

Jersey Tort Claims Act, the Mistaken Imprisonment Act, the New Jersey Civil Rights Act and 42 U.S.C. §1983 in State and Federal Court. Prior to coming to the Division of Law, he interned for Justice James J. Fitzgerald III, in Philadelphia, Pa. He received his Juris Doctorate in May 2012 from Rutgers University School of Law - Camden, where he was a legal writing and research teaching assistant and a member of the Rutgers Journal of Law & Public Policy. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from West Chester University of Pennsylvania.

### *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, 0.00 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.