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PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

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February 4, 2015

4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

**Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex
6th Point Meeting Area-Attorney General's Library
25 Market Street
Trenton, New Jersey**

Program Summary

This program will delve into the use of scientific evidence at trial. It will cover the fundamentals of the Rules of Evidence for expert witnesses, as well as delving into case law specific to chain of custody, DNA evidence, drug evidence and ballistic evidence. In addition to the law governing the use of this sort of scientific evidence, the program will also cover the practical application including example predicate questions for expert witnesses.

Who Should Attend?

This program is intended for newly hired deputy attorneys general within the Division of Criminal Justice. The Division of Criminal Justice has selected those attorneys who must attend this program. Others within the Department of Law and Public Safety are welcome to attend space permitting. Please do not attempt to register for this program if you are not within the Department of Law and Public Safety.

Who Is the Faculty?

Christopher S. Romanyshyn is an Assistant Attorney General and Deputy Director with the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice. AAG Romanyshyn joined the Division in January 1999 and has served as a Deputy Attorney General in the Labor Prosecutions Bureau (1 year) and the Gangs & Organized Crime Bureau (13 years), where he also served as Deputy Chief and Chief of that unit. SDAG Romanyshyn currently supervises the Gangs & Organized Crime Bureau which investigates and prosecutes traditional and non-traditional organized criminal groups engaged in a variety of inter-related criminal activities, including racketeering, narcotics trafficking and weapons offenses and the Specialized Crimes Bureau, which includes the Atlantic City Task Force, MVC and Labor Prosecutions Units, and Cargo Theft. AAG

Romanyshyn also serves as the Attorney General's Electronic Surveillance counsel and has extensive experience in electronic surveillance matters.

Prior to joining the Division, AAG Romanyshyn practiced civil litigation with the law firm of Keenan, Powers & Andrews, P.C. in New York City and Morristown, New Jersey, from 1995 through 1998, specializing in insurance defense litigation. AAG Romanyshyn holds a B.A. degree in History with a second major in Political Science from Fairfield University, Fairfield, Connecticut, and a Juris Doctor from Seton Hall University School of Law. He is admitted to the bar in New Jersey, New York and the District of Columbia.

Cynthia Vazquez joined the Division in December 2007 and has served as a Deputy Attorney General in the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit for 4 years and the Official Corruption Bureau for 3 years. Prior to joining the Division, DAG Vazquez clerked for the Honorable Michael Petrolle of the Essex County Superior Court.

DAG Vazquez holds a B.S. degree in Business Administration from Montclair State University and a Juris Doctor from Seton Hall University School of Law. She is admitted to the bar in New Jersey and New York.

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 1.8 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism, and 1.8 qualify as hours of credit toward certification in criminal trial law.

NY CLE Credit: 1.5 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 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.