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PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

EXPERT TESTIMONY: SELECTION AND USE OF EXPERTS IN A BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS' CASE

**March 23, 2015
12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
124 Halsey Street
5th Floor Large Conference Room, 10C
Newark, New Jersey**

Program Summary

This presentation will provide an overview as to the reasons for utilizing expert testimony, tips for selecting the right expert for a case, discovery issues, and trial preparation with the expert. The presentation will also discuss retaining and preparing an expert for testimony with a focus on matters before the Board of Medical Examiners.

Who Should Attend?

This program is intended solely for the Affirmative Civil Enforcement (ACE) practice group attorneys and volunteer attorneys. ***Please do not attempt to register for this program if you are not part of this practice group.***

Who Is the Faculty?

DAG Meaghan Goulding is with the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General, Division of Law. Meaghan joined the Division in October 2006 as member of the DCF-Essex Section. In August 2011, she transferred to the Professional Boards Prosecution Section. The Professional Boards Prosecution Section is responsible for investigating and prosecuting professional board matters. Prior to joining the DOL in 2006, she clerked for the Honorable Bernadette DeCastro, Family Division, Hudson County. Meaghan graduated from Rutgers in 2002 and received her J.D. from Seton Hall Law School in 2009.

DAG Bindi Merchant is with the Division of Law in the Professional Boards Prosecution Section. Her practice focuses primarily on prosecuting health care professionals and providers before their licensing boards and the Office of Administrative Law. She has successfully prosecuted cases involving federal anti-kickback statutes, impairment, and indiscriminate controlled drug prescribing cases before the BME. She has also developed a particular specialty

in the Board regulations as it pertains to the single Ambulatory Surgical Centers (“ASCs”) and has successfully argued before the Appellate Division advocating for the BME. Prior to joining the State in 2008, she clerked for the Honorable Shirley A. Tolentino, Civil Division, Hudson County. DAG Merchant is a graduate of Rutgers University and Seton Hall Law School, with a concentration in Health Law.

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 1.2 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism, and 1.2 qualify as hours of credit toward certification in civil trial law.

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 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.