The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Announce

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

DEALING WITH JURY QUESTIONS

April 1, 2015
4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex
6th Floor Point Meeting Area-Attorney General’s Library
25 Market Street
Trenton, New Jersey

Program Summary

The presentation will discuss how to handle common questions that juries will have during both trial and deliberations. This presentation will also discuss questions and concerns that prosecutors should have during the jury selection process such as potential bias.

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?

DAG James Ruberton is the Deputy Attorney General in charge of the Attorney General's Atlantic City Task Force. He has been a prosecutor for almost 20 years. Jim was law clerk to the Honorable Albert J. Garafolo, Presiding Criminal Judge in Atlantic County 1995, then served as Assistant Atlantic County Prosecutor before coming to DCJ in 1998. At DCJ, Jim worked for 10 years in the Casino Prosecution Unit. He also worked in the Gangs and Organized Crimes Bureau, and the former Major Crimes Bureau before starting the Task Force three years ago. He has tried many cases, including attempted murder, kidnapping, weapons offenses, and casino crimes. Jim has supervised several wire-tap investigations and has been a member of the Attorney General's Shooting Response Team for more than ten years. Jim is an adjunct professor and teaches Trial Advocacy for the Advocacy Institute.
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
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