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## **PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **HANDLING ORAL ARGUMENTS IN TRIAL AND APPELLATE COURTS**

**April 15, 2015**

**2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex**

**6th Floor Point Meeting Area – Attorney General's Library**

**25 Market Street**

**Trenton, New Jersey**

#### *Program Summary*

Oral argument is a critical part of litigation, both at the trial and appellate court levels. During trial, it often plays a significant role in the outcome of a case, particularly on what evidence will be deemed admissible or inadmissible. Oral argument also plays a substantial role in appellate advocacy and is consistently used to help our appellate courts make well-reasoned decisions that will serve as precedent for future cases. This presentation will provide you with the resources to assist you in developing skills necessary to be successful whether arguing before a trial or an appellate court. It will highlight some of the challenges prosecutors face handling oral argument during trial, in the midst of the numerous other challenges experienced during trial, and will provide guidance on how to overcome those challenges successfully. This presentation will also provide tips on preparing for oral argument before an appellate court, including how to deal with a bench with complex and difficult questions.

#### *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?*

**Veronica Allende** is a Deputy Attorney General with the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice. DAG Allende joined the Division in May 2007 and currently serves as a Deputy Attorney General in the Official Corruption Bureau and as a member of the Attorney General's Shooting Response Team. In the Corruption unit, she supervises the investigation of and has successfully prosecuted numerous defendants charged with official misconduct, theft by

deception, and various kinds of financial fraud. As a Shooting Response Team member, DAG Allende investigates New Jersey State Police-involved shootings and prosecutes any crimes stemming therefrom. Prior to her time in those units, DAG Allende served as a Deputy Attorney General in the Gangs & Organized Crime Bureau for five years, where she supervised the investigation of and successfully prosecuted numerous defendants involved in narcotics distribution, gun trafficking and possession, and money laundering. While in that unit, DAG Allende served as an Acting Essex County Assistant Prosecutor, assigned to a trial team and the Multi-Jurisdictional Carjacking Task Force. In addition to her service as a Deputy Attorney General, DAG Allende was a Legal Research & Writing Adjunct Professor at Seton Hall University School of Law for five years and currently teaches Lawyering and Legal Writing at the Yeshiva University, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. Prior to joining the Division, DAG Allende practiced land use and commercial real estate law with the law firm of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer in Woodbridge, New Jersey from 2006 to 2007. DAG Allende holds a B.A. in Political Science with a minor in Philosophy from Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Maryland, and a Juris Doctor from Seton Hall University School of Law. She is admitted to the bar in New Jersey.

**Daniel I. Bornstein** is currently the Chief of the Appellate Bureau of the Division of Criminal Justice. He started working with Division of Criminal Justice in 1995, and previously handled criminal trials and appeals while being simultaneously assigned to the Appellate Bureau and the Gangs & Organized Crime Bureau. Mr. Bornstein is a graduate of Colgate University and the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He clerked for the Honorable Martin J. Kole, J.A.D., t/a and the Honorable Theodore A. Winard, J.S.C.

### *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](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.