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PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

OVERBROAD AND IMPROPER: LOOKING AT RECENT OPRA DECISIONS

May 7, 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

The Open Public Records Act will be thirteen years old in July of this year, and OPRA has been preparing for this gala occasion for the past year with a wide array of legal challenges and court decisions. Determining whether OPRA requests are improper and overbroad is one of the hot button issues in the OPRA community. Deputy Attorney General Bruce Solomon, who has served as the Custodian of Records for the Department of Law and Public Safety and the Office of the Attorney General since 2001, will bring a slightly different approach to a fast-paced and entertaining look at the legal and practical impacts of recent OPRA case law, with a special eye on the boundaries of “improper and overbroad” requests.

Who Should Attend?

This program is open to all government attorneys, space allowing.

Who Is the Faculty?

Bruce Solomon is a Deputy Attorney General in the Legal Affairs and Employee Relations section of the Office of the Attorney General. Since 2001, Bruce has served as the Custodian of Records for the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Law and Public Safety, where he supervises divisional records custodians for the fourteen divisions and agencies which comprise L&PS, with oversight for all Department records requests and legal challenges under OPRA. Bruce has a lead role in the development and implementation of L&PS public records access rules, policies, procedures and practices. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Rutgers University School of Law, Bruce served as the General Counsel for New

Jersey Institute of Technology and was a partner in private practice before joining the Division of Law in 1993.

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, 0.0 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 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.