

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Announce

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

PROSECUTORIAL ETHICS AND ENTRAPMENT DEFENSE

May 12, 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

Few prosecutors take a close look at the entrapment defense before it is invoked by a charged defendant. Moreover, many prosecutors are not aware that entrapment is both a statutory defense decided by a jury and a constitutional defense decided by a judge. This class will familiarize attendees with the legal history of the entrapment defense and its practical application today. This class will also show prosecutors where and when entrapment needs to be considered to avoid compromising active criminal investigations. This class will focus on the ethical considerations that may arise in circumstances wherein entrapment is a risk.

Who Should Attend?

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

Who Is the Faculty?

Mark J. Ondris is currently an Assistant Attorney General and the Deputy Insurance Fraud Prosecutor in the Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor within the Division of Criminal Justice. AAG Ondris has worked in the Division of Criminal Justice since 1998, working as a Deputy Attorney General in the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, the Gangs/OC unit, the Corruption Bureau, and as an Assistant Bureau Chief in the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. From 1988 to 1998, he was an Assistant Prosecutor in the Office of the Essex County Prosecutor, leaving as the Supervisor of the Megan's Law Unit. He has tried over 70 criminal trials including murder cases, insurance fraud cases, robbery cases, organized crime cases, and narcotics cases. AAG Ondris obtained his undergraduate degree from Rutgers College in New Brunswick and his law degree from Seton Hall Law School in Newark.

Christopher Ruzich is a Deputy Attorney General in the Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor within the Division of Criminal Justice. From 2006 to 2013, he was an Assistant Prosecutor in the Office of the Essex County Prosecutor. While an Assistant Prosecutor, he handled over a thousand cases, including murder, attempted murder, kidnapping, aggravated assault and organized street crime cases. Before joining the Essex County Prosecutor's Office, DAG Ruzich was a civil litigator from 2004 to 2006. He is also a Certified Criminal Trial Attorney. DAG Ruzich obtained his undergraduate degree from Rutgers College in 2000, and his law degree from The Fordham University School of Law in 2003.

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, 2.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

NY CLE Credit: 2.0 ethics credits (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy).

PA CLE Credit: 1.5 ethics 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.