



The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Announce

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

THE HISTORY OF THE 1947 CONSTITUTION OF NEW JERSEY

July 29, 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

This seminar will offer a brief introduction to the Constitutions of 1776 and 1844 followed by a critique of the problems with the Constitution of 1844; particularly the problems with the judicial system leading to the desire for a new constitution. The battle between Mayor Hague and Chief Justice Vanderbilt will be discussed as well as the victory of Hague in stopping the adoption of what was to become the Constitution of 1944. Professor Wefing will additionally highlight the political changes that occurred with the selection of Driscoll for Governor, leading to the compromise with Hague and the success of the 1947 Constitution. This seminar will furthermore emphasize the changes the new Constitution brought forth with emphasis on the additional powers of the Governor and the totally new judicial system. These include a strong Chief Justice as well as the benefits of the appointment system over the election system. The presenter will discuss the decisions dealing with the court's ability to appoint replacements when there is a vacancy, and the constitutionality of the laws permitting the increase in the judge's contributions to pensions and health care.

Who Should Attend?

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

Who Is the Faculty?

John B. Wefing has been a Professor of Law at Seton Hall University School of Law for the past 45 years. He has taught numerous courses including courses dealing with the New Jersey Constitution and the New Jersey Court System and has written many law review articles. During his tenure at Seton Hall, he has served as Associate Dean and Acting Dean. Professor Wefing has received many awards including: the Young Lawyer of the Year from the New Jersey State Bar Association, the McQuade Medal presented for outstanding contributions to Seton Hall

University and the Thomas More Medal for his devotion to the law and the Catholic Church. He was twice selected as “Professor of the Year” by the student body. In 2012, he was selected "Teacher of the Year" by the New Jersey Academic Studies Alliance. Professor Wefing has been appointed by governors of New Jersey to state commissions. Additionally, he was inducted into the Hall of Fame of Mount Saint Dominic Academy for his work on its board. He is “of counsel” to the firm of Waters McPherson McNeill in Secaucus, N.J. A graduate of St. Peter’s Prep and College, he received his law degree from Catholic University and holds a Master’s degree in law from New York University.

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.