



The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Announce

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

SCHOOL BULLYING AS A VIOLATION OF THE LAW AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

September 24, 2015

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex

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

25 Market Street

Trenton, New Jersey

Program Summary

This presentation will discuss how the courts have addressed the issue of school bullying as unlawful discrimination, contrasting the approaches taken by Federal and State courts. There will be a particular focus on the NJ Supreme Court case of *LW v. Toms River BOE*, and the elements of a cause of action in a bullying case. This presentation will also touch upon the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights, and how it impacts claims under the Law Against Discrimination.

Who Should Attend?

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

Who Is the Faculty?

James Michael currently serves as a Deputy Attorney General and Section Chief of the Civil Rights section of the Division of Law, where he supervises the prosecution of discrimination complaints related to employment, public accommodations and housing on behalf of the Division of Civil Rights. Jim has also worked on a series of initiatives aimed at improving access for people with disabilities in places of public accommodation, including schools, shopping malls, hospitals and polling places. He handled the litigation and appeals in *L.W. v. Toms River Regional Schools Board of Education*, the first case to address the issue of peer student harassment under the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination. In addition to his time in the Civil Rights section, Jim worked in the Affirmative Litigation section, focusing on a range of issues, such as mortgage fraud, pharmaceutical marketing and abusive debt collection practices. Prior to joining the Division of Law, Jim served as a Deputy Attorney General and Governor's Fellow with the Division of Gaming Enforcement.

Jim is a graduate of Rutgers Law School in Camden, New Jersey and Franklin and Marshall College. He also holds a Masters Degree in Public Policy from the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers.

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 1.2 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

NY CLE Credit: 1.0 substantive credits (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy).

PA CLE Credit: 1.0 substantive credits (\$1.50 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.