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## **PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **CHILD PORNOGRAPHY: FROM COMPUTER TO JAIL, A HOW TO GUIDE FOR INVESTIGATIONS AND PROSECUTORS**

**SEPTEMBER 29, 2015**

**10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**Essex County Prosecutor's Office**

**Veteran's Courthouse**

**50 West Market Street**

**Newark, New Jersey 07102**

#### *Program Summary*

This presentation will discuss the investigative steps and legal processes needed to obtain the forensic evidence for a child pornography case. This presentation will also discuss how to present digital evidence in court, as well as go over potential pitfalls and defenses. This presentation will conclude with a legal review of the new enhanced penalties applicable in child pornography prosecutions.

#### *Who Should Attend?*

This presentation is intended solely for those within the Essex County Prosecutor's Office that have been invited to attend.

#### *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 Bureau Chief of the Financial and Computer Crimes Bureau, primarily overseeing the Computer Crimes Unit, which investigates and prosecutes child pornography and other computer-related criminal activity. Prior to her time in Computer Crimes, she served in the Official Corruption Bureau and as a member of the Attorney General's Shooting Response Team. In the Corruption unit, she supervised the investigation of and 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 investigated New Jersey State Police-involved shootings and prosecuted any crimes stemming therefrom. Prior to her time in those units, DAG Allende served 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.

**AAG Christine A. Hoffman** is a Deputy Director of the Division of Criminal Justice and former Chief of the Division's Corruption Bureau. AAG Hoffman previously served as Deputy Chief of the Division's Major Crimes Bureau and Assistant Prosecutor with the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office. AAG Hoffman is a member of the Attorney General's Advocacy Institute faculty, and is a member of the National Attorneys General Training and Research Institute faculty.

**DAG Marie G. McGovern** is currently assigned to the Division of Criminal Justice's Financial and Computer Crimes Bureau, specializing in cyber-crimes for the past three years. Prior to her current assignment, DAG McGovern worked in the Gangs/OC Bureau, as well as Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office Appellate Unit and Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office Appellate Unit. She also served as the law clerk to the Honorable Stephen B. Rubin, J.S.C. (Retired), in Hunterdon County. DAG McGovern received her J.D. from Seton Hall University School of Law. DAG McGovern graduated with high honors from Douglass College, Rutgers University, with a B.A. in History/Political Science, and a minor in English.

### ***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, and 2.0 qualify as hours of credit toward certification in criminal trial law.

**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](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.