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## **PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **HANDLING ORAL ARGUMENTS IN TRIAL COURT**

**MAY 10, 2016**

**10:00 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**

### **PLEASE READ: NOTICE REGARDING COURSE MATERIALS**

All materials for New Jersey Attorney General's Advocacy Institute continuing legal education courses are now available electronically through the Advocacy Institute website: [www.njadvocacyinstitute.com](http://www.njadvocacyinstitute.com). Materials will be posted to the website approximately one week before the course date.

The institute will no longer provide paper copies of course materials. This policy is effective immediately and is within the guidelines of the New Jersey Board of Continuing Legal Education and the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board. Please follow the procedure below to obtain course materials:

- Click on the Course Information tab.
- Select Course Materials from the drop-down menu.
- Click on the course that you are registered for. Courses are listed alphabetically by title.
- Most courses will have two files; a file containing class materials that you should bring to the session and a file with reference materials such as statutes, regulations and cases.
- Print the documents in the class materials file and bring them with you to the session.
- You have the option of printing the documents in the reference materials file or downloading them to a computer or mobile device.

### ***Program Summary***

Oral argument is a critical part of litigation. During trial, it often plays a significant role in the outcome of a case, particularly regarding what evidence will be deemed admissible or inadmissible. This presentation will provide resources to assist you in developing the skills necessary to successfully argue before the trial court. It will highlight some of the challenges prosecutors face handling oral argument in the midst of numerous other trial demands and will provide guidance on how to successfully overcome those challenges.

### ***Who Should Attend?***

This presentation is intended for litigation trial attorneys, however, others may find this presentation of interest.

### ***Who Is the Faculty?***

**DAG Veronica Allende** joined the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice in May 2007. She 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 working 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 serving in those units, DAG Allende worked in the Gangs and 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 the Seton Hall University School of Law.

### ***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 1.8 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism, and 1.8 qualify as hours of credit toward certification in criminal trial law.

**NY CLE Credit:** 1.5 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://reg2.dcj.lps.state.nj.us/lpcreg/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://reg2.dcj.lps.state.nj.us/lpcreg/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://reg2.dcj.lps.state.nj.us/lpcreg/login.aspx?portalid=2> to register for future courses or to manage your account. Please retain your user name and password for your records.