



The Advocacy Institute in Conjunction with National Attorneys General Training and Research Institute (NAGTRI) Is Pleased to Announce

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

NAGTRI REPRESENTATION OF STATE AGENCIES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

8:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex

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

25 Market Street

Trenton, New Jersey 08625

PLEASE READ: NOTICE REGARDING COURSE MATERIALS

Materials will be provided for this course.

Program Summary

This one-day course provides participants with an overview of the civil and administrative practice areas found in an attorney general’s office. Special emphasis is placed on the practical applications associated with the representation of public agency clients; open government laws; administrative hearings; human resource issues; and the special ethical considerations of a public law practice. The curriculum is designed for lawyers with entry level or intermediate work experience.

Who Should Attend?

This program is open to attorneys in the Division of Law, only, but will be of special interest to attorneys in the following sections:

Banking & Insurance
Consumer Affairs Counseling
Education & Higher Education
Employment Counseling
Environmental Enforcement
Environmental Permitting & Counseling
Health & Human Services

NJ Transit
Pensions & Financial Transactions
Personnel, Community Affairs & Elections
Professional Boards Prosecution
Public Utilities
Tax Bankruptcy & Debt Recovery
Transportation, Construction & Condemnation

Who Is the Faculty?

A native of Sullivan, Indiana, **Richard M. Bramer** is an alumnus of Sullivan High School, Wabash College, and Indiana University School of Law – Bloomington. He joined the Office of Attorney General Steve Carter in 2002, first serving in the Civil Rights and Employment section, concentrating on federal litigation and defense of judges and prosecutors. He then was assigned as counsel to the Indiana Department of Labor and the Indiana Department of Correction. In 2008, then Attorney General Carter promoted Bramer to chief counsel of the Advisory Division, and he continued to serve in that capacity under Attorney General Greg Zoeller.

Zoeller later appointed Bramer to serve as the office's federal and congressional liaison based in Washington, and then as the director of Indiana's Consumer Protection Division, which also oversees all multi-state and antitrust matters for the Indiana attorney general. In 11 years of private practice, Bramer served as Sullivan County chief deputy prosecuting attorney, Sullivan city attorney, judge pro tempore of the Sullivan Circuit Court, school corporation attorney, and counsel to numerous towns, townships, and conservancy districts in Sullivan County and elsewhere in western Indiana. Bramer also previously served as an attorney in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Civil Rights for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C., and as chief of staff and chief counsel to the Indiana state treasurer.

Brian Kane received his Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Political Science from the University of Idaho. He earned his law degree from the Northwestern School of Law at Lewis and Clark college in Portland, Oregon. Brian began his career with the Idaho Attorney General's office in 2001. In 2005, Brian was promoted to Assistant Chief Deputy Attorney General. Brian serves as legal counsel to the Secretary of State, the Legislature, and other elected officials; he acts as a liaison between the Attorney General and local, state and federal governments. Brian has authored legislation, constitutional amendments, and numerous legal articles. He serves as a faculty member for the National Attorneys General Training and Research Institute (NAGTRI). In 2012, Brian was recognized by the Idaho State Bar with an Outstanding Service Award, and by NAAG through his selection as an International Fellow. In 2013, Brian received the NAAG NAGTRI Faculty of the Year award and the Nelson Kemptsky Award for Management and Leadership from the Conference of Western Attorneys General (CWAG).

Kim D. Ringler, a graduate of Oberlin College and Georgetown University Law School received a certification in Health Care Compliance from Seton Hall Law School. She reestablished her private practice, the Ringler Law Firm, after leaving public service in 2015. The firm concentrates on advising and representing professionals and State licensees on regulatory and ethics issues. From 2008 to 2015, she worked in the Department of Law and Public Safety, first as a Deputy Attorney General prosecuting State licensees. In 6 years, she recovered more than a million dollars for violations of standards of practice. She led the prosecution of a compounding pharmacy for contamination; established a nationally watched

precedent for misleading advertising by dentists; and negotiated the imposition of public sanctions on prominent orthopedic surgeons who violated financial disclosure requirements. Kim served as the Ethics Officer for the Division of Law providing guidance on conflicts of interest and other executive branch ethics issues to all personnel in Newark. The Attorney General presented an Exceptional Service Award to her in 2014. That year, she was appointed Deputy Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs overseeing the operations of 46 licensing boards, as well as the DCA's investigatory arm, the Enforcement Bureau; the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program; and the Drug Control Unit. She coordinated the Attorney General's Pain Management Council tasked with developing best practices in the areas of education, treatment and diversion of prescription opioid medications.

Kim has argued successfully before the New Jersey Supreme Court representing individuals on disciplinary matters, the New Jersey Advisory Committee on Professional Ethics, the Committee on Advertising and the Committee on Extra-Judicial Activities. The New Jersey Law Journal included 3 cases she argued among its 2013 annual top 12 noteworthy cases. She has been a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association Standing Committee on Professional Responsibility, New York State Bar Association Committee on Professional Ethics, and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York Committees on Professional Responsibility and on Professional Discipline. The New Jersey Supreme Court appointed her to the District IIB Ethics Committee, Chair of the Fee Arbitration Committee and pro bono counsel for indigent attorneys in disciplinary cases. She served as President of the national attorney ethics organization, the Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers. She participated in the NOBC-APRL Joint Committee on the Aging of the Profession. Ms. Ringler has presented and published on ethics topics ranging from pay-to-play legislation to conflicts of interest in health care law, to law firm risk management. She is a frequent presenter on ethics and professional responsibility topics. Recent CLE courses include Ethics for Health Law Attorneys for the NYSBA Health Law Section, Antitrust and Regulatory Bodies for APRL, the Revolving Door for Attorney General's Advocacy Institute, and Ethics for the Bergen County Bar Association. Honors include listings in Best Lawyers in America in the area of Ethics and Professional Responsibility Law, New Jersey's Top Legal Minds and New Jersey Women Leaders in the Law, and a Collaboration Award from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for her participation in a joint federal/state investigation. Martindale Hubbell has consistently rated her AV Preeminent.

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 7.5 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 1.2 qualifies as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

NY CLE Credit: 6.5 substantive/ 1.0 ethics credits (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy).

PA CLE Credit: 5.0 substantive/ 1.0 ethics credits (\$9.00 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 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.