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## **PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **CONFRONTING THE CHALLENGES OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM: A SURVIVAL GUIDE FOR PROSECUTORS**

**October 13, 2016**

**Bergen County Law and Public Safety Institute  
281 Campgaw Road, Mahwah, NJ 07430**

**Choice of sessions: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. OR 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**October 21, 2016**

**Stockton University: Stockton University Campus Center Theatre  
101 Vera King Farris Drive, Galloway, NJ 08205**

**Choice of sessions: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. OR 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**October 28, 2016**

**Hamilton Technology Complex  
1200 Negrón Drive, Hamilton, NJ 08691**

**Choice of sessions: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. OR 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**November 1, 2016**

**Middlesex County Fire Academy  
1001 Fire Academy Drive, Sayreville, NJ 08872**

**Choice of sessions: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. OR 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

### **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*

This course will provide an in-depth analysis of the Attorney General Directive Establishing Interim Policies, Practices, and Procedures to Implement Criminal Justice Reform Pursuant to P.L. 2014, c. 31. Topics to be covered will include:

- System-wide changes
- LiveScan fingerprinting
- Pre-charging case screening
- Complaint-summons v. complaint-warrant
- Preliminary offense report
- First-appearance
- Pretrial detention motions and hearings
- Motions to revoke release
- Violations of release conditions
- Prioritization in detention cases
- Web-based reporting
- Escalating plea policy
- Appeals

## *Who Should Attend?*

**This training is mandatory for and limited to: attorneys, command staff, and victim-witness advocates from the Division of Criminal Justice and County Prosecutors' Offices. Those required to attend must register for and attend one of the listed sessions.**

## *Who Is the Faculty?*

**Claudia Joy Demitro** is a Deputy Attorney General in the Appellate Bureau of the Division of Criminal Justice, where she argues before the Appellate Division and the Supreme Court, and participates in a number of criminal justice policy projects for the Division. She graduated magna cum laude from both The College of New Jersey and the Drexel University School of Law, and was an editor of the Drexel Law Review. Following law school, she clerked on the Superior Court for the Hon. Stephanie M. Wauters, J.S.C. in Ocean County, and then on the Appellate Division for the Hon. Michael A. Guadagno, J.A.D. She is a Police Training Commission certified instructor, often teaches on the Fourth Amendment to officers and prosecutors, and is an adjunct professor at The College of New Jersey.

**Sarah Lichter** is a Deputy Attorney General in the Appellate Bureau within the Division of Criminal Justice. Prior to entering her current assignment, she was a Deputy with the Financial and Computer Crimes Bureau. While with that bureau, DAG Lichter prosecuted identity theft cases, charitable fraud schemes, and computer intrusion cases. She has tried several child pornography and sexual assault cases with the Division. DAG Lichter is a 2005 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and a 2010 graduate of Villanova School of Law in Villanova, Pennsylvania. Upon graduation from law school, DAG Lichter

served as a law clerk to the Honorable Shawn D. Meyers, Court of Common Pleas, in Pennsylvania.

**Geoffrey D. Soriano** is an Assistant Attorney General in the Division of Criminal Justice. Mr. Soriano is a 1986 graduate of Brown University, majoring in Political Science and Organizational Behavior and Management. He earned his juris doctorate degree, cum laude, from the Seton Hall University School of Law in 1986. Following his formal education, Mr. Soriano clerked for the Honorable Wilfred P. Diana during the 1989-1990 court term. A private practitioner for 20 years with 18 years of experience as a municipal court prosecutor, Mr. Soriano served as the County Prosecutor for Somerset County from October 21, 2010 to March 7, 2016. During his time with the Division of Criminal Justice, Mr. Soriano's responsibilities have primarily focused upon the myriad of issues associated with Criminal Justice Reform.

**Jennifer Stonerod** is a Deputy Attorney General, assigned to the Chief of Staff at the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice. DAG Stonerod earned her undergraduate degree from Widener University in 2000 and her law degree from Widener University School of Law in 2005. DAG Stonerod served as an Assistant Prosecutor in Burlington County for six years before joining the Division. As a prosecutor, Jennifer was assigned to the Appellate, Juvenile and Domestic Violence Units, where she successfully prosecuted hundreds of cases. Jennifer also oversaw the County's Domestic Violence Working Group. Prior to serving as an Assistant Prosecutor, Jennifer was an Associate Attorney at Parker McCay and former law clerk to the Honorable Michael J. Hogan, J.S.C., in Burlington County.

As a Deputy Attorney General, Jennifer has served as the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Liaison to the County Prosecutors' Offices. Jennifer served as Chair to the Division's Domestic Violence Working Group and revitalized the Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Working Group. Jennifer serves on the Supreme Court Domestic Violence Working Group and the Supreme Court *Ad Hoc* Committee on Domestic Violence. Jennifer has trained across the State on Domestic Violence, including training new Chiefs of Police, those tasked with Internal Affairs and is a certified Police Training Commission Instructor, teaching domestic violence to new investigators at the Division's Police Academy. Jennifer also developed and coordinated the Division's Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Symposium, an annual two-day training for law enforcement and prosecutors. Jennifer was recently appointed to New Jersey's legislatively created Task Force on Campus Sexual Assault.

**Ron Susswein** is an Assistant Attorney General in the Division of Criminal Justice, and currently serves as Counsel to the Division. He previously has served as Assistant Counsel to the Governor, and also has served as Special Assistant to several Attorneys General.

Mr. Susswein graduated with honors from the Georgetown University Law Center. In May 2015, Mr. Susswein received the Attorney of the Year Award from the New Jersey Law Journal, based in part on his litigation efforts in search-and-seizure cases under the State Constitution. That award recognizes the attorney "who had the greatest impact on the law, legal profession or cause of justice in New Jersey over the past year." In October 2014, the New Jersey County Prosecutors Association presented Mr. Susswein with the award for "Outstanding Advocacy Over a Career in a Non-Trial Role."

Mr. Susswein has served in the Division of Criminal Justice in many roles, including as the Deputy Director for Policy, and later as Deputy Director for Major Crimes, supervising the

Division's Organized Crime and Racketeering Bureau, Major Narcotics Bureau, Appellate Bureau, Casino Prosecution Section, Office of Bias Crimes and Community Relations, and Computer Analysis and Technology Unit (cyber crimes).

From 1992 to 1994, Mr. Susswein was Executive Assistant Prosecutor in Union County, and served as the Chair of the New Jersey State Bar Association Criminal Law Section from 1993 - 1994.

Mr. Susswein has drafted a number of statutes, including the Comprehensive Drug Reform Act of 1987. Mr. Susswein also drafted statutes for the President's Commission on Model State Drug Laws, including the "Criminal Justice Treatment Act," which called for providing treatment for addicted offenders. Mr. Susswein has played an important role in the development and implementation of New Jersey's Drug Court program, and drafted the statute that first authorized courts to impose treatment in lieu of an otherwise mandatory term of imprisonment.

Mr. Susswein was the principal draftsman of "Toward a Drug-Free America: A Nationwide Blueprint for State and Local Drug Control Strategies," which was adopted by the National Association of Attorneys General, the National District Attorneys Association, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Criminal Justice Association, and other groups. Mr. Susswein was later asked to draft the initial concept paper for the "Weed and Seed" program, which was adopted by the United States Department of Justice and became an important part of the nation's drug and urban crime reduction strategy.

In 2014, he served as the principal draftsman of a report for the Governor's Council on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse entitled: "Confronting New Jersey's New Drug Problem – A Strategic Action Plan to Address a Burgeoning Heroin/Opiate Epidemic Among Adolescents and Young Adults."

**Joseph F. Walsh** is a Deputy Attorney General assigned to the Prosecutors Supervision and Training Bureau of the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice. Mr. Walsh is a 1983 graduate of Drexel University, earning his undergraduate degree in Business Administration-Accounting. He next graduated from the Rutgers University School of Law-Camden in 1986, earning his Juris Doctorate with high honors, as well as American Jurisprudence Awards in Criminal Law and Evidence. Mr. Walsh is a graduate of the Burlington County Police Academy and a Police Training Commission Certified Instructor. He has taught criminal law and other related subjects at the Burlington and Camden County Police Academies. He has also taught at the DELTA Supervision and Leadership School.

Prior to joining the Division of Criminal Justice, Joseph Walsh served as a police officer in Moorestown Township, retiring in 2015 as a Sergeant. He was assigned for sixteen years as a supervisor in both the Patrol Division and the Detective Bureau. He has also served as an Assistant County Prosecutor in both Camden County and Burlington County, with assignments to Motions and Appeals, the Grand Jury Unit, the Trial Team, and Special Investigations. As an Assistant Prosecutor, Mr. Walsh advised on criminal investigations, presented matters before the grand jury and handled numerous jury trials in homicide, narcotics, sexual assault, and robbery cases.

As a Deputy Attorney General assigned to the Prosecutors Supervision and Training Bureau, Mr. Walsh assists with the coordination of the twenty-one County Prosecutor's Offices, as well as with law enforcement training statewide. Recently, the Bureau has been working on numerous projects, including Body Worn Cameras (BWCs), Conducted Energy Devices (CEDs), Strict

Liability for Drug Induced Death Investigations and Training for Law Enforcement Officers in Dealing with Mentally Ill Individuals. Mr. Walsh is also the Deputy Counsel to the New Jersey Police Training Commission (PTC), and was a recipient of a 2015 Attorney General's Award for Outstanding Contributions to a Special Project.

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

**NY CLE Credit:** 4.0 Substantive Credits (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy).

**PA CLE Credit:** 3.5 Substantive Credits (\$6.00 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.dej.lps.state.nj.us/lpreg/login.aspx?portalid=2> to register for future courses or to manage your account. Please retain your user name and password for your records.