



The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE'S ANNUAL CORRUPTION BUREAU TRAINING

**November 1, 2016
9:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
NJ Forensic Science & Technology Center
1200 Negron Drive
Hamilton, New Jersey**

MATERIALS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THIS SEMINAR

Program Summary

This all-day seminar is geared for corruption prosecutors and detectives. The seminar will address a variety of issues involved in the investigation and prosecution of public corruption cases. Among the topics addressed will be the benefits of attorneys and detectives working together in an integrated investigative-legal model when investigating and prosecuting corruption cases, report writing and review in corruption cases for detectives and prosecutors, the use of technology in corruption investigations, and the ethical obligations of opposing counsel and the courts in criminal cases, with a specific focus on conflicts of interest and the rules of professional conduct that may arise in corruption cases.

Who Should Attend?

This program is only open to AAsG, DAsG, detectives and investigators within the Division of Criminal justice, assistant county prosecutors and invited personnel from other investigative agencies. Please do not attempt to register for this course if you are not a member of one of these groups.

Who Is the Faculty?

DAG Valerie R. Butler is with the Division of Criminal Justice's Corruption Bureau. Ms. Butler's practice concentrates largely on white collar crime, particularly offenses involving public officials and public funds. She is also a member of the Attorney General's Shooting Response Team, which investigates police-involved shootings throughout the State. Prior to joining Criminal Justice in 2013, Ms. Butler was a Deputy Attorney General with the Division of

Law, where she represented the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency in child abuse/neglect and termination of parental rights matters. Ms. Butler is serving her second term as a member of the New Jersey Supreme Court Family Practice Committee. She received her J.D. from Rutgers University School of Law in Camden in 2001 and her B.A. from the University of Delaware in 1998.

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 as an Assistant Prosecutor with the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office. AAG Hoffman is a faculty member of the Attorney General's Advocacy Institute and the National Attorneys General Training and Research Institute.

DAG Peter Lee is the Deputy Chief of the Division of Criminal Justice's Corruption Bureau South Unit. Mr. Lee's practice concentrates on white collar crime, particularly offenses involving public officials and public funds. Prior to joining the Corruption Bureau, Mr. Lee was assigned to the Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor, where he prosecuted various insurance crimes, including health care claims, disability insurance and property insurance fraud. Before joining the Division of Criminal Justice, Mr. Lee was in private practice, concentrating in products liability and environmental litigation. He received his J.D. from Cornell Law School in 1993 and a B.A. with honors from the University of Chicago in 1990.

DAG Anthony A. Picione is with the Division of Criminal Justice and the Chief of the Division's Corruption Bureau. Mr. Picione's practice concentrates largely on white collar crime, particularly offenses involving public officials and public funds. During his career, Mr. Picione has prosecuted numerous high profile cases involving public corruption and the theft of public funds. Mr. Picione is also an instructor for the New Jersey Attorney General's Advocacy Institute, the Police Training Commission and the National Attorneys General Training and Research Institute, as well as an Adjunct Professor of Trial Advocacy for Rutgers Law School - Camden. Mr. Picione received his J.D. *cum laude* from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1995 and received his B.A. *magna cum laude* from Drew University in 1992.

Lieutenant Robert Stemmer joined the New Jersey Division Criminal Justice in 1998 and was assigned to the Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor until 2008. Lt. Stemmer was transferred to the Official Corruption Bureau in 2008, where he has supervised the Official Corruption Central Unit since 2009. Lieutenant Stemmer received his M.A. from Fairleigh Dickinson University and was recognized as the N.J.S.I.A. Investigator of the Year in 2005.

DAG Cynthia Vazquez joined the Division of Criminal Justice in 2007. She spent her first three years in the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit where she handled complex cases involving fraud and drug diversion. She has spent the past six years in the Official Corruption Bureau where she has handled the investigation and prosecution of public officials. The cases she has handled have involved time theft, election fraud, computer theft, criminal coercion and various other aspects of public corruption. Before joining the Division, she clerked for the Honorable Michael Petrolle of the Essex County Superior Court. DAG Vazquez holds a B.S. degree in Business Administration from Montclair State University and a J.D. from Seton Hall University. She is admitted to the bar in New Jersey and New York.

DAG Julia Zukina joined the Division of Criminal Justice in 2014. She has spent the past two years in the Official Corruption Bureau where she has handled the investigation and prosecution of public officials. The cases she has handled have involved time theft, election fraud, pension fraud and other aspects of public corruption. Before joining the Division, she clerked for the Honorable Ronald D. Wigler, P.J.Cr., of the Essex County Superior Court. DAG Zukina holds a B.A. degree in Psychology from Duke University and a J.D. from Brooklyn Law School. She is admitted to the bar in New Jersey and New York.

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 6.0 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 1.5 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

NY CLE Credit: 4.5 substantive and 1.5 ethics credits (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy).

PA CLE Credit: 4.0 substantive and 1.0 ethics credits (\$7.50 mandatory registration fee required).

How Do I Register?

State Employees

Most State employees are able to register for this course by going to <http://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.