The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

ODARA TRAINING FOR SUPERVISORS AND SPECIALISTS

September 28, 2017
Hamilton Technology Complex
1200 Negron Drive, Hamilton, NJ 08691
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

October 2, 2017
Middlesex County Fire Academy
1001 Fire Academy Drive, Sayreville, NJ 08872
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

October 3, 2017
Passaic County Police Academy
214 Oldham Rd., Wayne, NJ 07470
Choice of sessions: 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. OR 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

October 20, 2017
Stockton University: Stockton University Campus Center Theatre
101 Vera King Farris Drive, Galloway, NJ 08205
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

PLEASE READ: NOTICE REGARDING COURSE MATERIALS

You will receive the course materials approximately forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date of the course. The materials will be contained in an email attachment.

Program Summary

The course will provide an in-depth description of the Ontario Domestic Assault Risk Assessment (ODARA). The ODARA has been designated as the risk screening tool to be utilized statewide by law enforcement to predict the likelihood of re-assault in domestic violence cases.   The presentation will address the need for a domestic violence risk screening tool in New Jersey, the research behind the ODARA, the ODARA items and criteria, scoring the ODARA utilizing the Scoring Form, interpreting ODARA scores, and the utilization of ODARA scores in conjunction with PSA scores to frame decision-making in the prosecution of domestic violence cases.

Who Should Attend?

This training program is offered in accordance with Attorney General Directive 2016-6 v3.0 and is mandatory for and limited to Assistant Prosecutors who supervise Domestic Violence Units, police officers who serve as their agency's Domestic Violence Liaison Officers and personnel from County Prosecutors' Offices of Victim Witness Advocacy.

Those required to attend must register for and attend one of the listed sessions.

Please do not attempt to register for this program if you are not a member of any of the above listed groups.

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

NY CLE Credit: 2.5 Substantive Credits (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy).

PA CLE Credit: 2.0 Substantive Credits ($3.00 mandatory registration fee required).

How Do I Register?

<u>DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LIAISON OFFICERS AND VICTIM WITNESS PERSONNEL</u>

Register via the appropriate Survey Monkey link below:

1. September 28, 2017 – Hamilton Tech. Complex – Survey Monkey Link:
   https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QZJMVYC

2. October 2, 2017 – Middlesex County Fire Academy – Survey Monkey Link:
   https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SXPKDTL

3. October 3, 2017 **(AM Session)** – Passaic County Police Academy – Survey Monkey Link:
   https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R3WX655 -

4. October 3, 2017 **(PM Session)** – Passaic County Police Academy – Survey Monkey Link:
   https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RG68WGJ -

5. October 20, 2017 – Stockton University – Survey Monkey Link:
   https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SBC38DY

<u>ATTORNEYS AND OTHERS SEEKING CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION CREDITS</u>

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.

Who Is the Faculty?

Robert Czepiel is a Senior Deputy Attorney General- Deputy Chief of Training with the Office of Attorney General, Prosecutors Supervision & Training Bureau. Mr. Czepiel has been a prosecutor at the county and state levels in New Jersey for over 22 years. Mr. Czepiel has been employed at the New Jersey Office of Attorney General-Division of Criminal Justice in the Official Corruption Bureau for the seven years and the DCJ Training Bureau for five years serving in the position of lead legal instructor.

In 2016, Mr. Czepiel was promoted to the position of Deputy Chief of Training in the Prosecutors Supervision & Training Bureau. His responsibilities include updating, training, and creating the curriculum for law enforcement officers and prosecutors on numerous legal courses offered by the Division of Criminal Justice, CLEAR Institute, and the Police Training Commission. He lectures and teaches on such topics as Search Warrants, Warrantless Searches and Seizures, Trial Tactics, Ethics, Criminal Code, Use of Force, Conducted Energy Devices, Less Than Lethal Devices, Grand Jury Presentations, Constitutional Law, Court Testimony, Corruption Investigations/ Prosecutions, Money Laundering Investigation/Prosecutions, White Collar Investigations/Prosecutions, Witness Preparation Cultural Diversity and De-Escalation; Special Needs Population and De-Escalation.

Previously, he was employed as an Assistant Prosecutor at the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office for several years. Combined, his experience includes the prosecution of complex white collar crimes in the field of public corruption; street crimes such as homicides, aggravated sexual assault, robbery, and drug distribution cases; family matters such as domestic violence and juvenile delinquency cases; and appellate matters. He has appeared before the Superior Court of New Jersey both Law and Appellate Division(s) and the Supreme Court of New Jersey and successfully tried numerous high profile cases to verdict.   He was the recipient of the 2008 "Excellence in Legal Support Award" by the New Jersey Office of Attorney General for the trial and conviction of the former Chief of Staff of the New Jersey Commerce and Economic Growth Commission for multiple counts of Official Misconduct.   He is the recipient of the 2004 DCJ "Chief Award" for the investigation and prosecution of a former assemblyman for allegations of campaign fraud. He is a recipient of the 2013 Attorney General Award for efforts done to keep the DCJ Academy open after Hurricane Sandy. He is a member of the New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Jury Selection.

Mr. Czepiel has been adjunct professor of law at Widener University School of Law in Delaware for several years having taught white collar/corruption and served as professor/coach for several teams that competed in national trial competitions. He is a volunteer instructor with the Intensive Trial Advocacy Program through Widener Law School.   He is also an adjunct professor at Burlington County College having taught law and criminal justice related courses. He has taught numerous courses at the New Jersey Attorney General Advocacy Institute in the field of trial advocacy. He has also taught at the NAGTRI Mobile Advocacy Institute in Princeton, New Jersey and NAGTI training concerning ethical issues for prosecutors in Human Trafficking Prosecutions. He has been NITA certified for several years. Mr. Czepiel has also presented numerous CLE courses.   He graduated from Widener Law School in Harrisburg and was admitted to the New Jersey Bar in 1997.

Jana Robinson is a Deputy Attorney General with the Division of Criminal Justice, Appellate Bureau. DAG Robinson graduated from Colgate University in 1998 and received a M.A. from Fordham University in psychology, with a forensic specialization. Following her psychological training, she worked at the founding office of the Innocence Project in New York, interned with the Forensics Unit of the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office, served as a psychological consultant in a wrongful imprisonment suit in the New York Court of Claims, and testified as an expert witness at a Due Process Hearing held by the New York City Department of Education. DAG Robinson then worked at Jersey Shore University Medical Center and the Dorothy B. Hersh Child Protection Center, conducting psychological evaluations on children in foster care while also helping to implement a statewide program to improve the services provided to these children and their families. From 2005 to 2008, DAG Robinson was an Adjunct Professor of Psychology at Monmouth University. After receiving her law degree from William & Mary School of Law, DAG Robinson clerked for the Honorable Peter E. Warshaw, Jr., P.J.Cr., and joined the Division in 2016.

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 and the Acting Chief of Staff of 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 coordinated 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 Division's Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Working Group. Jennifer serves on the Supreme Court Domestic Violence Working Group and served on the Supreme Court *Ad Hoc* Committee on Domestic Violence and New Jersey's legislatively created Task Force on Campus Sexual Assault. 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 and teaches domestic violence to new investigators

at the Division's Police Academy at Sea Girt. Jennifer is also credited with developing and coordinating the Division's Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Symposium, an annual two-day training for law enforcement, prosecutors and victim advocates.

Jennifer previously served as a Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor, assisted on Use of Force training and issues specific to Conducted Energy Devices, was Faculty to Division trainings, such as the Undercover Narcotics Investigative Training (U.N.I.T.) School and Top Gun. Jennifer is a graduate of Top Gun Class #46. Jennifer also served on the Division's team that trained prosecutors and law enforcement throughout the State on Criminal Justice Reform.

Jennifer serves as OPRA Counsel to the Division of Criminal Justice and is the Chairperson for the Fingerprint Compliance Committee and Subcommittee. As Acting Chief of Staff, Jennifer oversees the units within law enforcement services, which includes the CODIS Compliance Unit and the State Office of Victim Witness Advocacy. In both 2016 and 2017, Jennifer was awarded the Attorney General's Award for Outstanding Contribution to a Special Project.

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. Mr. Walsh is a graduate of the Burlington County Police Academy and a Police Training Commission Certified Instructor.

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.

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), Training for Law Enforcement Officers in Dealing with Mentally Ill Individuals, and Criminal Justice Reform. Mr. Walsh is presently serving as the Acting Administrator of the New Jersey Police Training Commission (PTC), and was a recipient of the Attorney General's Award for Outstanding Contributions to a Special Project in 2016 and in 2017.