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## **PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT**

*The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present*

**NEW JERSEY RACING COMMISSION: EVERYTHING YOU WANT TO KNOW  
ABOUT JOCKEYS, RACETRACKS, WAGERING AND THE HORSES AT THE  
HEART OF IT ALL**

**September 13, 2017**

**1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.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**

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***

This presentation will provide an overview of the New Jersey Racing Commission and its legal and regulatory powers. The program will cover the protection of racehorses in New Jersey, including medication rules, testing procedures and the penalties for violating those requirements. The presentation will provide a window into what happens at the racetrack, including a day in the life of jockeys and drivers and the role of judges and stewards. The course will also cover the composition of the Racing Commission and its staff, the relationship between the Commission and the racing industry, and the legal process controlling it all.

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

This presentation is open to all government attorneys, space allowing.

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

**Stephen Pagano** has been the New Jersey Racing Commission's Chief Steward for the last 14 years. Steve is charged with overseeing race operations at the tracks, including governing the conduct of horse races. Steve has authority over all racing officials as well as all owners, trainers, jockeys, grooms and all other people attendant on horses before, during, and after races. Steve is also accredited in both thoroughbred and harness racing and is responsible for conducting hearings upon a finding that a licensee has committed a rule violation. Prior to becoming a Steward, Steve was a jockey for over 15 years, riding in over 11,000 races and winning over 1,700.

**John Tomasello** has been a racing official with the New Jersey Racing Commission for the past 22 years, with the exception of a two year period when he worked as Executive Director of the New Jersey Sire Stakes Program for the New Jersey Department of Agriculture. In his current capacity as Presiding Judge at the Meadowlands Racetrack, John oversees all racing activity at the Meadowlands harness racetrack, enforcing the rules and regulations of the New Jersey Racing Commission with authority over all Commission licensees. As one member of a panel of three judges, John is the lead official responsible for officiating harness racing, conducting hearings into possible rule violations, rendering a decision and issuing penalty rulings upon completion of such hearings. John is licensed as an official by the United States Trotting Association and accredited as a senior judge by the Racing Officials Accreditation Program. Prior to becoming a racing official, John trained and drove standard bred racehorses. John holds a B.S. in accounting from Georgian Court College.

**Jason Timmerman, Esq.** is the Legal Specialist and Manager of Regulatory Affairs for the New Jersey Racing Commission. Jason drafts and revises new rules or amendments to the chapters of the New Jersey Administrative Code that govern the horse racing industry. Jason is also a liaison between the Racing Commission and the Attorney General's Office and is responsible for communicating with and assisting the Deputy Attorneys General who represent the Racing Commission in a variety of cases before the Office of Administrative Law and the New Jersey Superior Court, Appellate Division.

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

**NY CLE Credit:** 2.0 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: [njagai@njoag.gov](mailto:njagai@njoag.gov) 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.