



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

LEGAL WRITING

November 2, 2017

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 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 offer an overview of how to draft a cogent appellate brief. Topics will include: initial preparation for writing a brief, how to craft effective preliminary statements and statements of facts, strategies for organizing and presenting persuasive arguments, and practical writing tips. The program is designed to benefit attorneys with little to no appellate experience, however more experienced attorneys may benefit from this program as well.

Who Should Attend?

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

Who Is the Faculty?

Melissa Dutton Schaffer is an Assistant Attorney General in the Appeals Practice Group of the Division of Law, which is responsible for the overall management, supervision and policy direction for all State and federal court appeals throughout the Division. Melissa briefly served as Associate General Counsel for The College of New Jersey from August 2013 through January 2015. Prior to that, Melissa was the Section Chief of the Division's Education/Higher Education

Section where she oversaw the representation and counseling of the Department of Education, the Secretary of Higher Education, and all of the State Colleges and Universities. She represented her clients in a variety of complex education matters in administrative, State and federal courts at both the trial and appellate levels. Melissa joined the Division in 2005, after serving as a staff attorney in the public interest sector in Philadelphia, PA. She received her J.D. from Widener University School of Law in 2002 and a B.A. from Rutgers University, Camden in 1998.

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 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.