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## **PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **AN OVERVIEW OF THE NEW JERSEY SEXUAL PREDATORS ACT**

**April 19, 2018**

**10:00 a.m. – 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 discuss the Sexually Violent Predators Act (SVPA) and how Sexually Violent Predator cases are handled in New Jersey. This presentation will also review the various steps of Sexually Violent Predator litigation as well as some provisions of the New Jersey Criminal Code addressing sexual offenses and the psychology involving the various diagnoses used for sexual offenders. Finally, this presentation will discuss published appellate decisions involving Sexually Violent Predator cases.

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

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

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

**SDAG Mark H. Singer** is currently Lead attorney with the Division of Law's Health and Human Services, Sexually Violent Predator (SVP) unit, wherein he oversees three attorneys and three paralegals which represent the Attorney General in all phases of litigation regarding the commitment of sexually violent predators. His litigation responsibilities include the review of files of prisoners convicted of sexual crimes and the selection of those prisoners who are most likely to sexually reoffend for civil commitment to treatment units. He is the Attorney General's representative on the Governor's Advisory Council Against Sexual Violence. Prior to being the

lead attorney in the SVP Unit, he worked in the Tort Litigation and the Department of Youth and Family Services Sections. Prior to joining the Division of Law, he worked with the Burlington County Prosecutor's office. He received his Juris Doctorate from Rutgers School of Law, Camden and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Montclair State College.

**DAG Victoria R. Ply** has worked in the Division of Law for six years. She is currently assigned to the Health and Human Services Section, where she represents the State in SVP commitment proceedings at both the trial and appellate levels. Victoria started her career at the Department of Law and Public Safety as a Volunteer Associate in Public Service and then became a DAG in the On Deck Section, which exposed her to many practice areas throughout the DOL. She received a B.A. in Psychology from NYU, an M.A. in Forensic Psychology from John Jay College of Criminal Justice and a J.D. from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law.

### *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: [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.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.