PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

UNDERSTANDING AND INVESTIGATING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

June 7, 2018
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Morris County Public Safety Training Academy (North)
500 West Hanover Avenue
Morristown, New Jersey, 07960

COURSE MATERIALS

You will receive class materials prior to the date of the course. The materials will be contained in an email attachment. Resource materials will be distributed on the day of the program.

Program Summary

This program will provide assistant prosecutors and law enforcement personnel with an advanced understanding of domestic violence and the dynamics that make up this crime. The training will include an in-depth review of established best practices for investigating domestic violence cases, including addressing officer safety concerns and implementing safety protocols when responding to DV calls. The course will also cover understanding how cultural identities affect domestic violence and police response, why domestic violence victims may remain in abusive relationships or return to their abusers and how to best support victims and provide them with resources throughout the legal process. Upon completion of the program, attendees will be able to identify domestic violence and lethality indicators, practice strategies for maintaining safety when responding to domestic violence calls, demonstrate victim-centered domestic violence investigation approaches, and work more effectively with victims of domestic violence from a variety of cultures, religions, sexual orientations, races/ethnicities, and disability statuses.

Who Should Attend?

This program is only open to assistant prosecutors and law enforcement officers. Please do not attempt to register for this program if you are not an assistant prosecutor or law enforcement officer.
Who Is the Faculty?

**Tia Manochio** is a Supervising Assistant Prosecutor in the Family Division of the Morris County Prosecutor’s Office. Tia conducts jury trials, presents cases to the Grand Jury and investigates and prosecutes criminal domestic violence complaints and weapon return cases. Tia also conducts numerous bench trials in Family Court relating to criminal contempt matters and trains and supervises Assistant Prosecutors assigned to the Domestic Violence and Weapon Return units.

Tia is a Certified Training Instructor for police academy recruits/trainees. She is a lecturer at the annual in-service training for law enforcement officers and conducts training seminars for local law enforcement agencies. Tia develops training programs for the annual Domestic Violence In-Service Training curriculum and drafts policy directives and standard operating procedures for investigating and prosecuting domestic violence cases. Tia also advises local law enforcement agencies and personnel regarding Domestic Violence issues and law.

Tia previously served as a Special Deputy Attorney General, Acting Assistant Prosecutor in Essex County Prosecutor’s Domestic Violence Unit. Tia was a law clerk to the Honorable Joseph J. Riva, J.S.C. in the Criminal Part, Passaic County. She is a graduate of Seton Hall University School of Law and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from Seton Hall University.

**Jennifer Stonerod** is an Assistant Attorney General and the Chief of Staff of the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice. As Chief of Staff, Jennifer oversees the CODIS Compliance Unit, Open Public Records Act (“OPRA”) Counsel and the State Office of Victim Witness Advocacy and manages personnel and administrative functions for the Division. She also serves as the Chairperson for the Fingerprint Compliance Committee and Subcommittee.

AAG Stonerod has served as the DCJ’s Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Liaison to the County Prosecutors’ Offices. She is a member of the Supreme Court Domestic Violence Working Group and has served on the Supreme Court ad hoc Committee on Domestic Violence and New Jersey’s legislatively created Task Force on Campus Sexual Assault. She has also served as Chair of the Division’s Domestic Violence Working Group and revitalized the Division’s Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Working Group. AAG Stonerod has conducted State-wide training on domestic violence matters, including instructing new division investigators on DV issues. She developed and coordinated the Division’s Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Symposium annual two-day training for law enforcement personnel, prosecutors and victim advocates.

AAG Stonerod is a certified Police Training Commission Instructor and has served as faculty for the Undercover Narcotics Investigative Training (U.N.I.T.) School and Top Gun, of which she is a graduate. She has trained new chiefs of police tasked with internal affairs and assisted with use of force training and issues related to Conducted Energy Devices. AAG Stonerod was also a member of Division’s team that trained prosecutors and law enforcement officials throughout the State on Criminal Justice Reform and the ODARA domestic violence risk assessment tool.

AAG Stonerod was previously a Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor. Before joining the Division, AAG Stonerod served as an Assistant Prosecutor in Burlington County for six years.
She was assigned to the Appellate, Juvenile and Domestic Violence Units, where she successfully prosecuted hundreds of cases. She also coordinated the County’s Domestic Violence Working Group. Prior to serving as an Assistant Prosecutor, AAG Stonerod was an associate at Parker McCay and a law clerk to the Honorable Michael J. Hogan, J.S.C., in Burlington County.

AAG Stonerod was awarded the Attorney General’s Award for Outstanding Contribution to a Special Project in 2016 and 2017. She earned an undergraduate degree from Widener University and holds a JD from Widener University School of Law.

Stephanie Klotz is the Manager of Professional Training at JBWS, a full-service domestic violence prevention agency in Morris County, NJ. She provides training to medical professionals, law enforcement and school personnel, child protection workers and other professionals on the dynamics of domestic violence and DV response protocols. Stephanie has fifteen years of experience in the field of domestic violence, twelve of which were spent working directly with survivors. She holds a Masters in Social Work from Fordham University.

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

**NY CLE Credit:** 6 Substantive Credits (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy).

**PA CLE Credit:** 5 Substantive Credits ($7.50 mandatory registration fee required).

**How Do I Register?**

Please copy and paste the following link into your browser to register for this program through Eventbrite:


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