



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

INSURANCE FRAUD OVERVIEW FOR COUNTY PROSECUTOR LIAISONS

February 19, 2019

10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Regional Intelligence Operations Center Building (ROIC)

New Jersey State Police Division Headquarters

1040 River Road

West Trenton, NJ 08628

NOTICE REGARDING COURSE MATERIALS

You will receive the course materials on the day of the course.

Program Summary

This course will provide an overview of insurance fraud, Medicaid fraud, elder abuse detection, and legislative initiatives. Among the topics discussed will be the mission and jurisdiction of the Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor, investigative tools and techniques used in the pursuit of criminals, detection and prosecution of Medicaid fraud, efforts to combat elder abuse, including the elder abuse rapid response team and pending insurance fraud related legislative initiatives.

Who Should Attend?

Registration for this program is limited to county prosecutor liaisons to and employees of the Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor who have been invited to attend.

Who Is the Faculty?

DAG Leslie-Ann M. Justus is Senior Counsel in the Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor. She analyzes legislation, handles OPRA requests and expungements and is OIFP's liaison to the Department of Banking and Insurance's Bureau of Fraud Deterrence. Prior to joining OIFP, DAG Justus was most recently a judge of the Superior Court in the Family and Criminal Parts.

She previously worked in the Department of Law and Public Safety as a DAG in both the Divisions of Law and Criminal Justice, and the Office of State Police Affairs. As an appellate prosecutor, she argued numerous cases before the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law and Appellate Divisions, and 11 cases before the New Jersey Supreme Court. DAG Justus' private sector experience includes practicing law in small and large law firms in California (O'Melveny & Myers and White & Case) and New Jersey (Watson, Stevens, Fiorilla and Rutter, LLP), as in-house counsel for the ARCO Legal Department in California, and the Alyeska Law Department in Alaska. She holds a Juris Doctor from the Howard University School of Law, where she graduated first in her class.

DAG Cheryl Maccaroni is the Bureau Chief of Private Insurance in the Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor. She was previously the Assistant Bureau Chief. In addition to her supervisory responsibilities, Chief Maccaroni serves as the legal advisor to the County Prosecutor Insurance Fraud Reimbursement Program. She previously worked in the Division of Criminal Justice Insurance Fraud Unit. Prior to joining DCJ, she was a Deputy Attorney General in the Tort Litigation Section of the Division of Law, where she successfully tried over a dozen cases. Chief Maccaroni litigated the first significant prosecution under the Health Care Claims Fraud Act, which resulted in a second degree conviction that was upheld on appeal in a published decision. Chief Maccaroni started her legal career in 1984 as a law clerk for two Mercer County Superior Court judges, followed by several years in private practice. She received an Attorney General's Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement – Fraud Investigation in 2013 and an Attorney General's Award for Excellence in Operations in 2014.

DAG Peter Sepulveda is the Bureau Chief of the N.J. Medicaid Fraud Control Unit in the Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor. Chief Sepulveda supervises the investigation and successful prosecution of defendants involved in billing for services not rendered, kickback schemes, and the illegal sale of prescription drugs. He also directs the Unit's N.J. Elder Protection Task Force, which investigates and prosecutes financial and physical abuse of institutionalized elderly patients. Chief Sepulveda previously worked as a staff attorney in the Investigations Division of the New Jersey Office of the State Comptroller, investigating fraud, waste and abuse of taxpayer funds. He started his prosecutorial career as an Assistant Prosecutor in the Essex County Prosecutor's Office. He has litigated 20 criminal jury trials, including attempted murder, robbery, official misconduct, commercial bribery, aggravated assault, and burglary. Chief Sepulveda holds a B.A. from Villanova University and a J.D. from Seton Hall University Law School.

Sgt. Kevin Weinkauff is a Detective in the N.J. Medicaid Fraud Control Unit in the Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor. Sgt. Weinkauff's work focuses on reducing elder abuse by increasing utilization of the On Call State Wide Protocol for rapid response to acts of violence against the elderly and the prevention of financial exploitation of elderly citizens. Prior to joining OIFP, Sgt. Weinkauff was a Detective for the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice where he worked in the Drug Diversion, Narcotic and Gang-related units, conducting investigations ranging from street level distribution to upper level drug distribution networks. Sgt. Weinkauff started his law enforcement career as an Intelligence Analyst for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration in New York City. He holds a B.A. Degree from Assumption College in Worcester, MA and received the Attorney General's Award for Excellence in Investigations in 2015.

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