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## **PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT**

*The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present*

### **ABSTENTION AND THE 10TH AND 11TH AMENDMENTS**

**February 26, 2019  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
R.J. Hughes Justice Complex  
4th Floor Conference Room A  
Trenton, New Jersey**

### **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 explore the various abstention doctrines with which federal court practitioners must be familiar and provide an overview of the immunities afforded State agencies and the State pursuant to the Tenth and Eleventh Amendments to the United States Constitution. This presentation will also touch upon the leading United States Supreme Court opinions in these areas and will provide practice points for civil motion practice employing these defenses.

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

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

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

**AAG Michael C. Walters** is a Deputy Director in the Division of Law. He previously served as the Assistant Attorney General in Charge of Litigation. Prior to that position, he was the Section Chief of the Education & Higher Education Section, where he supervised the coordination and development of litigation strategy for representing the New Jersey Department of Education and

New Jersey colleges and universities. He was responsible for a variety of complex cases involving federal and State constitutional issues, civil rights, the IDEA, the Rehabilitation Act, the ADA and the NJLAD, as well as federal class action lawsuits related to those areas. He began his career as a law clerk for The Honorable Myron H. Gottlieb, J.S.C and graduated from Rutgers School Law in 1998.

**DAG Daniel M. Vannella** is the Section Chief of the Tort Litigation & Judiciary Section in the Division of Law. Prior to that he was a deputy and then an Assistant Section Chief with the Corrections & State Police Section. In these positions, he has defended State employees and several State departments, the Judiciary, and county prosecutor's offices, among others. He has handled and supervised a large number of litigation and appellate matters involving constitutional issues, civil rights, torts, and OPRA. He previously worked for the Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office, in private practice, and as a law clerk for the Honorable Richard J. Geiger, J.S.C. He holds a J.D. from William & Mary Law School.

### *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, and 2.0 qualify as hours of credit toward certification in civil trial law.

**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.