



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

SPECIAL EDUCATION LAW AND POLICY – LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR EDUCATING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

March 25, 2019

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 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 program will provide a comprehensive overview of the special education process in New Jersey with a focus on the legal requirements for identifying, evaluating and providing special education and related services for students with disabilities. The presentation will include a discussion of federal requirements set forth in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the Every Student Succeeds Act, and New Jersey requirements under *N.J.A.C. 6A: 14*. The presenters will analyze recent United States Supreme Court cases addressing the IDEA, and provide a detailed overview of New Jersey's special education dispute resolution system, including special education mediation, due process hearings and complaint investigations.

Who Should Attend?

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

Who Is the Faculty?

Carolyn J. Marano Esq. is the Assistant Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Education's Division of Student Services. The Division of Student Services supports special education programs throughout the State to ensure that students with disabilities have access to a high quality education and to the greatest extent possible, are educated with their peers in the least restrictive environment. The Division works with school districts to develop and share best practices and procedures for child study teams; increase the number of schools that implement a multi-tiered system of behavioral and academic supports; expand the use of evidence-based programs; and develop social and emotional learning programs for students and teachers. It also administers the State's special education dispute resolution system, which includes facilitated IEP meetings and mediation conferences. Before joining the Department, Ms. Marano was the Director of Special Services for the Asbury Park School District, where she ensured that students with disabilities received the services necessary to succeed academically and attain post-secondary success. Ms. Marano earned a Bachelor of Arts Cum Laude in English from Montclair State University and a Juris Doctor from New York Law School.

Dominic Rota Esq. is the Director of the Office of Special Education Policy and Dispute Resolution in the New Jersey Department of Education. Mr. Rota supports the Assistant Commissioner in developing and implementing goals, initiatives, and policies that align with the Department's priorities for New Jersey's students and schools. Mr. Rota is the Division's primary point of contact for legal, policy and external affairs, including legislative and regulatory matters. He also oversees the special education dispute resolution system, including mediation conferences, due process hearings, and compliant investigations. Prior to joining the Division of Student Services, Mr. Rota was an attorney in the Department's Office of Legal and External Affairs, where he was responsible for a variety of education law issues. Mr. Rota previously served a Director of Legislative Affairs, Ethics Officer, Records Custodian, and Public Information Officer for several New Jersey Executive Branch departments. He earned a Bachelor's Degree from Rutgers University and his law degree from the Rutgers School of Law, Camden, where he was a Dean's Scholar.

CLE Credit

NJ CLE Credit: This program has 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.