



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

EFFECTIVE ORAL ADVOCACY

March 20, 2019

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 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 on the day of the program.

Program Summary

Oral argument is a critical part of litigation, both at the trial and appellate court levels. During a trial or hearing, it often plays a significant role in the outcome of a case. Oral argument also plays a substantial role in appellate advocacy and is consistently used to help appellate courts make well-reasoned decisions that will serve as precedent for future cases. This presentation will provide resources to assist deputies in developing the skills necessary to be successful whether arguing before a trial or an appellate court.

Who Should Attend?

This program is only open to Deputy Attorneys General in the Division of Law's Administrative Practice Group. If you are not a DAG in the Division of Law Administrative Practice Group, please do not attempt to register for this course.

Who Is the Faculty?

AAG Daniel F. Dryzga is the AAG in charge of the Division of Law's Trenton Administrative Practice Group. He has overall responsibility for management of the five sections that comprise the practice group and provides supervision and policy direction for handling administrative hearings throughout the Division. AAG Dryzga also has significant litigation experience in both State and federal courts. Previously, AAG Dryzga was the Director of the New Jersey Attorney General's Advocacy Institute, where he administered and developed continuing legal education

programs for New Jersey government lawyers. Prior to that, he was an Assistant Chief of the Education and Higher Education Section and a Deputy Attorney General in the Corrections and State Police Section of the Division of Law, where he defended lawsuits brought against members of the New Jersey State Police. AAG Dryzga also served with the Office of Government Integrity and the Division of Criminal Justice in the Department of Law and Public Safety. He conducted criminal and civil investigations concerning waste, fraud, and abuse in public school construction projects and criminally prosecuted individuals and companies for improprieties in those projects. He also served as an Assistant Inspector General in the New Jersey Office of the Inspector General. AAG Dryzga is an instructor for the National Attorneys General Training and Research Institute. He received his B.A., from Pennsylvania State University, and his J.D. from Rutgers University Law School- Newark.

Melissa Dutton Schaffer is an Assistant Attorney General in the Trenton Administrative Practice Group of the Division of Law, where she supervises attorneys in the five sections that comprise the practice group. She was previously an AAG in the Division's Appeals Practice Group, which is responsible for the overall management, supervision and policy direction for all State and federal court appeals throughout the Division. Melissa briefly served as Associate General Counsel for The College of New Jersey from August 2013 through January 2015. Prior to that, Melissa was the Section Chief of the Division's Education/Higher Education Section. In this capacity, she oversaw the representation and counseling of the Department of Education, the Secretary of Higher Education, and all of the State Colleges. She represented her clients in a variety of complex education matters in administrative, State and federal court at both the trial and appellate levels. Before joining the Division, Melissa was a staff attorney in the public interest sector in Philadelphia, PA. She received her J.D. from Widener University School of Law and a B.A. from Rutgers University, Camden.

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

NY CLE Credit: 3.0 Substantive Credits (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy).

PA CLE Credit: 2.5 Substantive Credits (\$4.50 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.