



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

EXPLORING DEFENSES TO SECTION 1983 LITIGATION: ABSOLUTE/QUALIFIED IMMUNITY AND BEYOND

**April 30, 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 seminar will focus on the various defenses available to State defendants in opposing 42 U.S.C.A. §1983 damage actions, with primary emphasis on the absolute and qualified immunity doctrines. In addition, the seminar will explore the *Rooker-Feldman* doctrine, claim preclusion and judicial estoppel theories.

Who Should Attend?

This program is intended for attorneys who handle §1983 and other federal actions. Others, however, may find the program of interest.

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 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 per credit 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.