



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

FROM RHETORIC TO CRIMINALITY: THE STATE OF HATE IN NEW JERSEY

June 4, 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

In New Jersey and nationwide, bias incidents are rising. An expert panel will take a deep dive into bias and how it manifests across the spectrum – from rhetoric and social media to conduct with civil and criminal ramifications. The panelists will discuss what constitutes a bias incident along with historical context, the profound impact that bias incidents have on communities, the current civil and criminal legal tools available to address bias incidents, and the actions that the Attorney General's Office has taken to combat bias and hate.

Who Should Attend?

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

Who Is the Faculty?

Rahat N. Babar, Esq. is Special Counsel for Litigation with the Office of the Governor of New Jersey. He was previously the Director of Community Engagement at the New Jersey Attorney General's Office, where he led the Attorney General's efforts to strengthen the office's relationships with community leaders, faith leaders, and the public. He worked on policy issues including immigration, violence prevention, juvenile justice, and anti-bias initiatives. Rahat also served as a Special Assistant to the Attorney General, and in the Division of Law as the Assistant Section Chief of the Tort Litigation and Judiciary Section and as a deputy in the Division's Litigation Practice Group. Before entering State service, he was an attorney at a boutique corporate law firm in Princeton. Rahat serves as a member of the New Jersey Supreme Court

Committee on Minority Concerns. Rahat clerked for Judge Renée Cohn Jubelirer of the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania, and during his last year at Delaware Law School, externed for Chief Justice Myron T. Steele of the Supreme Court of Delaware. He holds an undergraduate degree from Drexel University and a J.D. from Widener University School of Law.

AAG Rachel Wainer Apter is the Director of the New Jersey Division on Civil Rights. Prior to this appointment she served as Counsel to the Attorney General. Before joining the OAG, she was a senior staff attorney at the American Civil Liberties Union in New York. Previously, she was an associate at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe in New York and clerked for Judge Jed Rakoff of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, Judge Robert Katzmann of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg of the U.S. Supreme Court. She graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard Law School.

DAG Andrew B. Johns is Bureau Chief of the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice's Specialized Crimes Bureau. The Specialized Crimes Bureau handles a diverse case load, including white collar crime, bias crimes, cargo theft, organized retail theft, identify fraud, narcotics trafficking, racketeering, and environmental crimes. He was previously Deputy Bureau Chief, supervising line deputies prosecuting diverse cases throughout the State. DAG Johns was also assigned to DCJ's Gangs & Organized Crimes Bureau, where he prosecuted large scale criminal enterprises and narcotics traffickers, often involving the extensive use electronic surveillance. DAG Johns received two Attorney General's Awards for Excellence in Law Enforcement for cases he investigated and prosecuted with the Gangs & Organized Crimes Bureau. DAG Johns is a member of the Division's eDiscovery and Mobile Forensics Committees and the Attorney General's Shooting Response Team and is a faculty member of the NJ Attorney General's Advocacy Institute and the National Attorneys General Training and Research Institute. Prior to joining the Division, DAG Johns was an Assistant Prosecutor with the Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office in Bridgeton, NJ. He received a BA in Political Science from Rutgers College and a J.D. from Rutgers School of Law–Newark.

DAG Bryn Whittle is assigned to the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General, where she works on special projects involving mental health diversion programs; youth violence prevention; community policing; police chaplaincy; and other community justice projects and outreach. DAG Whittle was previously the appointed Municipal Prosecutor for the Township of West Orange, New Jersey, where she represented the interests of the State in a variety of motor vehicle and criminal cases. Prior to that, Whittle was a Senior Staff Attorney with the Community Health Law Project, which is a statewide legal services organization dedicated to the advocacy and representation of low-income, disabled New Jersey residents. Her practice areas included landlord-tenant, bankruptcy, family law, Social Security and Medicaid/Medicare law, and she performed a great deal of community engagement work across the State. DAG Whittle is a graduate of Rutgers University and Seton Hall University School of Law.

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 Diversity, Inclusion and Elimination of Bias Credit, pursuant to 22 NYCRR 1500.2 (g). PLEASE NOTE: This program does not qualify for Ethics and Professionalism credits pursuant to 22 NYCRR 1500.2 (c).

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.