



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

INSIDE THE OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER

July 31, 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

The Office of the State Comptroller audits and investigates New Jersey government agencies, reviews government contracts and detects and prevents Medicaid Fraud. This program will focus on the OSC's work, with particular emphasis on its Procurement and Investigations Divisions. The Procurement Division reviews the legality of public contracts involving school districts, counties, municipalities, State agencies, State authorities, local authorities and public institutions of higher education. The Procurement Division's staff attorneys also provide guidance to contracting units to ensure that the contracting process complies with applicable law, rules, and regulations under strict statutory time limitations. The Investigations Division works to detect and uncover fraud, waste and misconduct involving the management of public funds and the performance of government officers, employees, and programs.

Who Should Attend?

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

Who Is the Faculty?

Cynthia Hackett, Esq. is the Deputy Director of the Office of the State Comptroller's Procurement Division. She assists the Director in supervising staff attorneys and reviews public contract solicitations in excess of two million dollars for compliance with applicable statutes and regulations. Prior to joining the OSC, Ms. Hackett was a Deputy Attorney General representing the Department of the Treasury's Division of Purchase and Property. She handled State contracting

and public bidding - related litigation in the Appellate Division, Superior Court and the Office of Administrative Law and provided advice on procurement issues, including statutory and contract compliance. Prior to joining the Division of Law, Ms. Hackett was Associate General Counsel at a private corporation in Mercer County, handling real estate transactions, commercial leasing and employment matters. Ms. Hackett received a B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and a J.D. from Rutgers School of Law – Camden.

Scott MacDougall, Esq. is a Staff Attorney in the Office of the State Comptroller's Investigations Division. Prior to joining the OSC, Mr. MacDougall was in private practice at a boutique insurance law firm specializing in coverage issues and catastrophic property damage claims. He also presented at numerous seminars for insurance companies and insurance professionals. Mr. MacDougall holds a B.A. from Rutgers University and a J.D. from Widener Law School.

Rick Nuel is a Special Investigator in the Office of the State Comptroller's Investigations Division. Mr. Nuel was previously a member of the New Jersey State Police, from which he retired as a captain after more than twenty-five years of service. At the New Jersey State Police, Mr. Nuel was involved in intelligence work and high-level organized crime and narcotics investigations. He also worked in the NJSP Polygraph Unit. Mr. Nuel is a frequent lecturer on Interview and Interrogation Techniques, Managing the Generational Divide, Training the Trainer, Database Techniques, and Safety Practices.

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.