



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

OPRA AND THE RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT: A GUIDE FOR NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT ATTORNEYS

**September 19, 2019
10:30 a.m. -11:45 a.m.
N.J. Forensic Science & Technology Center
1200 Negron Drive
Hamilton, 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

Attorneys who work for and represent government agencies face unique challenges because they must comply with both the Rules of Professional Conduct and the Open Public Records Act. These laws impose competing obligations on attorneys: the RPCs require protection of client confidentiality, while OPRA favors public disclosure of government records. These conflicting duties affect not just the handling of OPRA matters, but also the litigation of any case involving a government client. And attorneys must be aware of OPRA and the RPCs when they receive an OPRA request for their own records.

This presentation will discuss the various ways that the RPCs and OPRA intersect. It will cover the attorney-client privilege, the work product privilege, other client confidentiality obligations, and the impact of OPRA on discovery obligations. In addition, the presentation will address other RPC mandates that may come into play in responding to OPRA requests and handling OPRA litigation.

Who Should Attend?

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

Who Is the Faculty?

Lewis Scheindlin, Esq. worked for over 30 years at the Division of Law, serving in a number of capacities, including Chief of the Education, Labor and Commerce Section, Assistant Attorney General for Agency Advice and Assistant Attorney General for Appeals. In addition, beginning with the enactment of OPRA in 2001 until his retirement from State service at the end of 2014, he oversaw all OPRA legal advice and litigation for all State agencies. He counseled record custodians and other officials in OPRA matters on a daily basis and worked with the Government Records Council in establishing its policies and procedures. In addition to supervising the State's OPRA litigation, he directly handled many significant OPRA cases in the Supreme Court, Appellate Division and trial courts. Lew also frequently presented training programs on OPRA matters for the Attorney General's Advocacy Institute. Lew currently provides OPRA consulting and training to public bodies, and publishes the New Jersey OPRA Law Reporter. He is also an Adjunct Professor of Business Law at The College of New Jersey. Lew is a graduate of Rutgers Law School and the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

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 1.5 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 1.5 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

NY CLE Credit: 1.5 Ethics Credits (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy).

PA CLE Credit: 1.0 Ethics Credits (\$1.50 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.

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.