



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

RAISING CONSCIOUSNESS: IMPLICIT BIAS INTERRUPTED

**September 26, 2019
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Morris County Public Safety Training Academy
500 West Hanover Avenue
Parsippany, NJ 07054**

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

Research has established that, unwittingly, all of us have attitudes or buy into stereotypes that influence our impressions about and interactions with other people. The term “implicit bias” has been coined to reflect those unconscious influences, whether they are positive or negative. Implicit bias impacts our professional lives as attorneys, whether in our workplace relationships with supervisors, peers or subordinates at work, or in how we relate to adversaries, judicial personnel, jurors or others. Fortunately, research has also shown that these unconscious biases can be interrupted, enabling us to be more mindful and intentional in how we lead, work with and respond to the people around us. This training will review the research and science in this area, overview the tools for assessing implicit bias and its common forms, address the impact of implicit bias in law enforcement and provide practical techniques for interrupting and mitigating implicit bias in the workplace.

Who Should Attend?

This program is only open to attorneys from County Prosecutors’ Offices and the Division of Criminal Justice. Please do not attempt to register for this course if you are not a member of one of these groups.

Who Is the Faculty?

SDAG Robert Czepiel, Jr. is the Chief of the Prosecutors Supervision & Training Bureau of the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice. He supervises and updates training for law enforcement officers and prosecutors and creates the curriculum for numerous courses offered by the Division of Criminal Justice and the Police Training Commission. Mr. Czepiel lectures and teaches on a multitude of criminal justice related topics and supervises other training handled by the Bureau. In 2016, he supervised the creation of curriculum for required in-service police training that was mandated by Attorney General Porrino through the CLEAR Institute. He worked in DCJ's Official Corruption Bureau prior to his current assignment and is a member of the New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Jury Selection.

Mr. Czepiel has been an adjunct professor of law at Widener University School of Law in Delaware and is a volunteer instructor with Widener's Intensive Trial Advocacy Program. He is also an adjunct professor at Burlington County College. Mr. Czepiel is an instructor for the New Jersey Attorney General's Advocacy Institute and the National Attorneys General Training and Research Institute. He has been NITA certified for several years. Mr. Czepiel has also served as a professor/coach for several trial teams that have participated in national competitions. SDAG Czepiel graduated from Widener Law School in Harrisburg.

AAG Lora Fong is the Chief Diversity Officer of the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, a position she has held since its creation in December 2016. Before joining LPS, she was a partner at Brown, Moskowitz & Kallen and held in-house counsel positions at Diversity Inc., Salesforce.com and Fujitsu Consulting. Earlier in her career, she worked at Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis and Sills, Cummis, Epstein & Gross. She has served on the Board of Trustees of Rutgers University and the New Jersey State Bar Association and as a member of the New Jersey State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and the New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Women in the Courts. She graduated from Rutgers University, Douglass College, and Rutgers University School of Law in Newark.

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, 2.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

NY CLE Credit: 2.0 Diversity, Inclusion and Elimination of Bias Credits, pursuant to 22 NYCRR 1500.2 (g). PLEASE NOTE: The Implicit Bias program does not qualify for Ethics and Professionalism credits pursuant to 22 NYCRR 1500.2 (c).

PA CLE Credit: 1.5 ethics 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.