



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

LET THE SUNSHINE IN: THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

**October 17, 2019
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
44 South Clinton Avenue
Second Floor/Room 2W
Trenton, NJ**

NOTICE REGARDING COURSE MATERIALS

You will receive the course materials on the day of the program.

Program Summary

This presentation will discuss the history and legal requirements of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act. It will cover what constitutes a meeting, public notice requirements and exemptions and provisions governing meeting minutes. The program will also include a discussion of the nine exceptions that allow a public body to go into executive session, including personnel matters and attorney-client privilege.

Who Should Attend?

Attendance at this program is limited to employees of the N.J. Board of Public Utilities.

Who Is the Faculty?

DAG Geoffrey Gersten is a member of the Division of Law's Public Utilities Section. He counsels the Board of Public Utilities on many issues, including the Open Public Meetings Act, and defends the Board's decisions. He was previously assigned to the Consumer Fraud Prosecution Section. DAG Gersten has handled numerous matters involving the recovery and review of electronic documents, subpoena responses to State and federal agencies and large-scale e-discovery requests. DAG Gersten has also worked with New Jersey State agencies to assess their litigation hold practices and search and review capabilities for electronic document production. DAG Gersten is a member of the Division of Law's E-Discovery Task Force and has co-developed and presented extensive, comprehensive e-discovery training to the Division's deputies. DAG Gersten is a faculty member of the New Jersey Attorney General's Advocacy Institute and the National Attorneys General Training and Research Institute. He received an

Attorney General's Award for Excellence in 2017 for Outstanding Contributions to a Special Project and in 2015 for Excellence in Investigations. DAG Gersten served as a law clerk for the Honorable Donald S. Goldman, J.S.C. (retired). He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Vermont and his J.D. from American University, Washington College of Law.

SDAG Steven Flanzman is the Section Chief of the Division of Law's Consumer Affairs Counseling Section. He represents the State Board of Medical Examiners, the Medical Practitioner Review Panel, and multiple committees of the BME and the Perfusionists' Advisory Committee. He also represents the Real Estate Appraisers Board and the Midwifery Liaison Committee and provides advice to the Division of Consumer Affairs on the Open Public Records Act. DAG Flanzman represented the Supreme Court Committee on Attorney Advertising in the matter of Opinion 39 ("Super Lawyers" and "Best Lawyers" designations). He is currently representing that same Committee, along with the Committee on Professional Ethics and the Committee on the Unauthorized Practice of Law, on a challenge to Joint Opinion 73. Prior to joining the Division of Law, DAG Flanzman worked for Lowenstein Sandler and Sills Cummis in the corporate law and litigation departments. DAG Flanzman graduated from Tufts University with a degree in economics and earned his law degree from Harvard University.

CLE Credit

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PA CLE Credit: 1.5 Substantive Credits (\$3.00 mandatory registration fee required).