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## PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

*The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present*

### INTRODUCTION TO ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME

**February 18, 2020  
1:00 p.m. – 2:15 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*

This presentation will introduce the basics of investigating and prosecuting organized retail crimes (ORC). It will cover the applicable criminal statutes, including shoplifting, racketeering, and money laundering and illustrate practical considerations with recent cases prosecuted by the Division of Criminal Justice.

#### *Who Should Attend?*

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

#### *Who Is the Faculty?*

**DAG Valerie R. Butler** is a Deputy Chief in the Division of Criminal Justice's Specialized Crimes Bureau, where she supervises the staff of the Atlantic City Task Force and Casino Prosecution Unit. Prior to joining the Specialized Crimes Bureau, DAG Butler was a member of the Official Corruption Bureau. Before joining the Division of Criminal Justice, DAG Butler was a member of the Division of Law's DCF Practice Group, where she represented the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency in child abuse/neglect and termination of parental rights matters. DAG Butler is a member of the Statewide Anti-Money Laundering Task Force and previously served as a member of the New Jersey Supreme Court Family Practice Committee. She received her B.A. from the University of Delaware and J.D. from Rutgers University School of

Law in Camden.

**DAG Brian Carney** is a member of the Specialized Crimes Bureau of the Division of Criminal Justice. DAG Carney has also prosecuted environmental crimes, labor crimes, and identity theft cases for DCJ. DAG Carney was the lead prosecutor for *Operation Pandora*, a racketeering case involving a group of professional thieves who targeted retail stores along the East Coast. DAG Carney has worked in private practice for Stark & Stark and as a founding member of Davis & Brusca, where he investigated and tried nursing home abuse and neglect and medical malpractice cases. DAG Carney is a member of the New Jersey Air National Guard and a Judge Advocate General for the Delaware Air National Guard's 166<sup>th</sup> Air Wing. DAG Carney clerked for the Honorable Christopher J. Garrenger, J.S.C. in Burlington County. He is a graduate of Rutgers University and Rutgers Law School - Camden.

### *CLE Credit*

**NJ CLE Credit:** This program had 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, 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

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

**PA CLE Credit:** 1.0 Substantive 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/lpreg/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/lpreg/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](mailto: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.