



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

PENNSYLVANIA BRIDGE THE GAP: ETHICS FOR NEW PENNSYLVANIA ATTORNEYS

**May 4, 2020
10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex
25 Market Street
Division of Criminal Justice Training Room
5th Floor, West Wing
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 Supreme Court of Pennsylvania requires that newly admitted lawyers complete a Bridge the Gap program prior to their first mandatory CLE deadline. This program provides the information necessary to smooth the transition from law student to attorney. It assists recent law school graduates with practical aspects of the practice of law, which can otherwise be learned through trial and error. This basic program will provide practical insight into the key areas that new lawyers need to know in order to comply with the Rules of Professional Conduct and avoid potential malpractice claims. Moderators will lead a discussion format and answer participants' questions.

Who Should Attend?

This program is for newly admitted Pennsylvania attorneys who must fulfill their mandatory Pennsylvania Bridge the Gap requirement.

Who Is the Faculty?

AAG Margaret A. Cotoia is the Director of the New Jersey Attorney General's Advocacy Institute, which provides legal education programs that meet the practice needs of New Jersey government lawyers. She recruits instructors and develops curriculum for the AGAI's lecture programs, coordinates skills training programs for new deputy attorneys general and assistant prosecutors and ensures that the Institute maintains its accreditation as a continuing legal education provider in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Margaret is an instructor for the National Attorneys General Training and Research Institute and a member of its Advisory Board.

Prior to joining the Advocacy Institute, Margaret was the first statutory Ethics Training Officer for the New Jersey State Ethics Commission. She designed, conducted and administered comprehensive ethics training programs for State officials, provided ethics advice and counsel to State employees and officials and trained and supported a state-wide network of agency ethics liaison officers. Before working for the SEC, Margaret was a staff attorney and mediator at the Public Employment Relations Commission. Margaret holds a Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. and a J.D. from the Penn State University Dickinson School of Law in Carlisle, Pennsylvania where she was an editor of the law review.

DAG Dianne Moratti is the Section Chief of the State Police, Employment and Corrections section in the Division of Law. She primarily represents the Department of Corrections in federal civil rights lawsuits filed in both federal and state court. She was previously assigned to the former FedCor Section of the Division of Law. DAG Moratti worked in private practice for several years before joining the Division. She completed a federal clerkship with the Hon. Jerome B. Simandle, U.S.D.J. and holds a J.D. from Rutgers Law School – Camden.

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 4.8 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 4.8 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism. These credits will **not** satisfy **New Jersey's *Bridge the Gap*** obligations.

NY CLE Credit: 4.5 ethics credits (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy).

PA CLE Credit: 4.0 ethics credits (**There is no fee required for this course**).

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.