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## PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

*The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present*

### THE FUNDAMENTALS OF DIRECT EXAMINATION

December 2, 2020  
11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

### WEBINAR

#### *Program Summary*

This program will provide students with methods for developing a sound and effective approach for conducting direct examinations to effectively present witnesses in support of their cases. The presenter will discuss the purpose of direct examination, matters to consider when formulating and conducting direct examination, elements of creating an effective and persuasive direct examination, including organization, question form and techniques for questioning, and potential issues that students may face in conducting direct examination.

#### *Eligibility*

This program is mandatory for new assistant prosecutors and Division of Criminal Justice deputies hired after October 2019 who have been selected to attend by each county prosecutor's office and the Division of Criminal Justice. Other assistant prosecutors and deputy and assistant attorneys general in the Divisions of Criminal Justice and Law are also welcome to register. Registrants will receive the course materials prior to the program date.

#### *Faculty*

**AAG Anthony A. Picione** is an Assistant Attorney General with the New Jersey Attorney General's Office and Counsel to the Director of the Office of Public Integrity and Accountability within the Division of Criminal Justice of that office. Previously, AAG Picione was the Deputy Chief and then the Chief of the Division of Criminal Justice's Corruption and Government Fraud Bureau for over a decade. AAG Picione's practice concentrates on white collar crime, particularly offenses involving public officials and public funds. During his career, AAG Picione has

prosecuted numerous high profile cases involving public corruption and the theft of public funds. AAG Picione is also an instructor for the New Jersey Attorney General's Advocacy Institute, the National Attorneys General Research and Training Institute, and the New Jersey Police Training Commission, as well as an Adjunct Professor of Trial Advocacy for Rutgers Law School. AAG Picione received his J.D. *cum laude* from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1995 and received his B.A. *magna cum laude* from Drew University in 1992.

### ***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 Alternative Verifiable Learning Format (AVF) total CLE credit. Of these, 1.5 qualify as hours of credit toward certification in criminal trial law, 1.5 qualify as hours of credit toward certification in civil trial law, 1.5 qualify as hours of credit towards newly admitted lawyers' requirements/criminal or civil trial preparation, and 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

### ***Registration***

Those who are eligible to apply should use the Zoom Webinar registration link in the Program Announcement email. Students who are registered will receive a confirmation email with a link to access the program.

**Students must download Zoom before the webinar in order for the AGAI to record polling responses that are required for attendance verification and CLE credit.**

The AGAI will be unable to verify attendance or grant CLE credit to students who have not downloaded Zoom before the webinar.