



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

SETTLEMENT ISSUES

**February 12, 2021
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

WEBINAR

Program Summary

This program will settle questions about settlement, including allocating money to back pay in employment cases, the importance and process of lien searches, required provisions in Releases, when to recommend settlement and the components that should be included in a settlement memo.

Eligibility

Registration for this program is limited to Deputy and Assistant Attorneys General in the State Police, Employment and Corrections Section of the Division of Law. Registrants will receive the course materials prior to the program date.

Faculty

AAG Kimberley M. Wilson is an Assistant Attorney General in the Division of Law's Litigation Practice Group. She has spent the majority of her legal career defending municipalities and their legal interests, including civil rights, Tort Claim Act and employment matters. Before joining the Division of Law, AAG Wilson was the Affirmative Action Officer for the City of Hoboken and the Chief Municipal Prosecutor for the City of Trenton. She served as a law clerk in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division for the Honorable Dennis J. Braithwaite, J.A.D. and holds bachelor's degrees in journalism and political science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a J.D. from Washington & Lee University.

DAG Dianne Moratti is the Section Chief of the Division of Law's State Police, Employment and Corrections Section. She primarily represents the Department of Corrections in federal civil rights lawsuits filed in both federal and State court. She was previously a member of 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.

DAG James M. Duttera is an Assistant Section Chief in the Division of Law's State Police, Employment Litigation and Corrections Section, where he manages a group of trial attorneys and handles the defense of complex employment litigation and civil rights cases brought against State entities. DAG Duttera's extensive litigation experience includes handling all aspects of civil matters from inception through appeal and trying multiple cases before the New Jersey Superior and United States District Courts. Prior to joining the Division of Law, DAG Duttera served as a trial lawyer working exclusively in employment litigation for over a decade. He has been selected by his peers as a member of Philadelphia Magazine's "Pennsylvania Rising Stars" list and for inclusion as a Philadelphia Super Lawyer. DAG Duttera is a graduate of St. Joseph's University and holds a J.D. from Temple University Beasley School of Law.

Joseph Tierney is a civil investigator in the Division of Law's State Police, Employment Litigation and Corrections Section. He conducts background investigations and witness interviews, performs lien and other records searches, serves subpoenas and complaints, performs conflict checks and site inspections and fingerprints new employees. He previously served as detective in the Division of Criminal Justice. Prior to that, he was a juvenile probation officer in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania. Mr. Tierney holds a B.A. in political science from Kings College, Pa.

CLE Credit

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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.