



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

LITIGATION DEFENSES

**February 23, 2021
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

WEBINAR

Program Summary

This program will instruct deputies on how to assert and preserve Defenses in tort, civil rights, and employment cases.

Eligibility

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

Faculty

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 was 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.

DAG Maurice Jefferson is an Assistant Section Chief in the Division of Law's Tort Litigation and Judiciary Section, where he supervises a team of trial attorneys handling the defense of tort claims and civil rights cases in State and federal courts. Before joining the DOL, he worked in private practice and for insurance company staff counsel, managing attorneys and handling insurance coverage and defense cases. He also served as an assistant deputy public defender in the Essex County office of the OPD. DAG Jefferson is a graduate of Rutgers University and New York University School of Law.

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 1.2 hours of Alternative Verifiable Learning Format (AVF) total CLE credit. Of these, 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.