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## PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

*The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present*

### **THE OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS ACT - 2021 UPDATE**

**May 13, 2021  
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

## **WEBINAR**

### *Program Summary*

Responding to public records requests has become even more complex in the age of COVID-19. The move to telework presents new and novel issues for OPRA custodians. This program will provide a broad overview of OPRA case law developments and offer practical suggestions to address telework issues and better assist with counselling client agencies. The presenters will offer a common sense approach to striking an appropriate balance between transparency and the legitimate need for confidentiality to foster efficient government operation and protect citizens' security and privacy interests.

### *Eligibility*

This program is open to attorneys in the Department of Law and Public Safety, county prosecutors' offices and LPS and agency OPRA custodians invited to attend. Registrants will receive the course materials prior to the program date.

### *Faculty*

**AAG Raymond R. Chance III** is the AAG in charge of the Division of Law's Public Records Advice and Disputes Practice Group. He has overall responsibility for the supervision of DASG throughout the Division who provide advice to various State agencies. AAG Chance has directly handled many significant OPRA cases in the Supreme Court, Appellate Division, and trial courts. He was previously the Section Chief of the Banking and Insurance Section. Prior to joining LPS, AAG Chance worked at the former Horn Goldberg Gorny Daniels Paarz Plackter & Weiss (now Fox Rothschild) law firm in Atlantic City, where he handled complex asbestos litigation and other insurance defense cases. AAG Chance is a graduate of the Dickinson School of Law and the University of Colorado at Boulder.

**DAG Valentina DiPippo** is the Assistant Section Chief of the Division of Law's Public Records Advice and Disputes Section. She supervises OPRA advice, litigation, and administrative matters before the Government Records Council for clients throughout the State. She was previously a member of the Division of Law's Community Affairs, State, & Elections Section, where she represented client agencies, including the Council on Affordable Housing, the State Planning Commission, the Racing Commission, the Civil Service Commission, and the Department of Community Affairs in administrative matters and litigation. She started with the DOL as a deputy in the Transportation Construction & Condemnation Section, where she handled construction litigation. Prior to joining the DOL, DAG DiPippo served as a law clerk for the Honorable Philip S. Carchman, P.J.A.D. (retired on recall to Law Division) and in the Chancery Division, General Equity Part, for the Honorable Mary C. Jacobson and the Honorable Paul Innes, P.J.Ch. She received a B.A. from Wesleyan University and J.D. from Brooklyn Law School.

### *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 2.0 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.