



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE MEDIATION PROCESS FOR SPEC AND TORT CASES

**May 18, 2021
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

WEBINAR

Program Summary

This program will cover the mediation process for SPEC and Tort cases from start to finish, including logistics, strategies and practical pointers to help deputies achieve successful outcomes.

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 State Police, Employment Litigation & Corrections Section of the Division of Law, 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.

DAG Brian Hunkins is a member of the Tort Litigation & Judiciary Section of the Division of Law. He prepares tort cases for trial, including conducting investigations, answering interrogatories, preparing witnesses for depositions, deposing opposing witnesses, consulting experts, deposing experts, and drafting dispositive motions. Before joining the Division, DAG Hunkins was a defense litigator for 28 years, primarily concentrating in medical malpractice defense. He tried 28 cases to verdict. DAG Hunkins holds an undergraduate degree from Rutgers College and a J.D. from Rutgers Law School, Camden.

DAG Christopher E. Martin is a member of the State Police, Employment Litigation & Corrections Section of the Division of Law. Prior to joining the Division of Law, he was in private practice, primarily focusing on defense of civil litigation. DAG Martin was a Law Clerk for the President Judge of the Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas, Bucks County and at the Division of Law. He received a J.D. from Widener University, Delaware Law School and an LL.M. from Pace University School of Law.

DAG Agnes I. Rymer is an Assistant Section Chief in the State Police, Employment & Corrections Section of the Division of Law. Prior to joining DOL, she was in private practice in general civil litigation. She clerked in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, for Hon. H. Lee Sarokin (retired) and holds a J.D. from Rutgers Law School, Newark.

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.