



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

LEGAL RESEARCH WITH THE NEW JERSEY STATE LIBRARY INFORMATION CENTER AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

June 28, 2021
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

WEBINAR

Program Summary

This program will enhance attorneys' legal research skills by introducing them to the unique services and resources available through the New Jersey State Library Information Center. The presenters will cover accessing premium database content, borrowing print and eBooks, requesting interlibrary loan materials and other resources to assist government attorneys' legal research. The instructors will supplement their lecture with a live demonstration of several library services and provide an opportunity for students to ask research questions.

Eligibility

This program is open to attorneys in the Department of Law and Public Safety and county prosecutors' offices. Registrants will receive the course materials prior to the program date.

Faculty

Maria Baratta is the Associate Director of the State Library Information Center (SLIC), where she manages the library's reference services. Ms. Baratta previously served as Library Manager of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Information Resource Center and as the Chief of Research Services with the New Jersey Attorney General's Library. Ms. Baratta was also an Associate Director of the New Jersey State Library Talking Book & Braille Center, where she oversaw readers' advisory, circulation and equipment management and the Collection Management Director at the Bucks County Free Library in Doylestown, PA, where she supervised

the selection and technical processing of print and e-book collections, interlibrary loan and online database services. She earned her bachelor's degree from Lafayette College, Easton, PA, and her Master's in Library Science from Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA and holds professional librarian certificates in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Leslie Witko is the Supervising Librarian of the New Jersey State Law Library. She was previously a senior attorney for Legal Services of New Jersey and clerked in the New Jersey Superior Court - Criminal Division. Ms. Witko holds a B.A. from the State University of New York at Purchase, an M.L.I.S from Rutgers University School of Communication and Information and a J.D. from Pace 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.