

## **PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

## **CROSSING EXPERTS**

June 30, 2021 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

# WEBINAR

### **Program Summary**

Cross-examining experts is highly effective when done correctly, but can sometimes be difficult to execute. This program will provide detailed strategies for crossing experts. The presenters will discuss preparation, challenging qualifications on voir dire to limit the scope of examination or exclude the expert, and methods for diminishing the weight of the expert's testimony such as attacking assumptions or showing dependency on other fact witnesses.

## Eligibility

Registration for this program is open to deputy and assistant attorneys general in the Department of Law and Public Safety and assistant prosecutors. Registrants will receive the course materials prior to the program date.

#### Faculty

**AAG Christine A. Hoffman** is the Acting Gloucester County Prosecutor. She was most recently a Deputy Director in the Division of Criminal Justice and former Chief of the Division's Corruption Bureau. AAG Hoffman previously served as Deputy Chief of the Division's Major Crimes Bureau and as an Assistant Prosecutor with the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office. AAG Hoffman is a faculty member of the NJ Attorney General's Advocacy Institute and the National Attorneys General Training and Research Institute. She holds a B.A. in History, Summa Cum Laude, from Rider University and a J.D. with High Honors from Rutgers School of Law, Camden.

**DAG Joseph M. Micheletti** is the Section Chief of the Tort Litigation and Judiciary Section of the Division of Law, where he manages a group of trial attorneys and handles the defense of complex tort and civil rights cases brought against State agencies and their employees. DAG Micheletti has extensive experience in all aspects of litigation. He previously served as a trial attorney and later an Assistant Section Chief in DOL's State Police, Employment and Corrections Section, where he represented State agencies and employees in complex employment and Section 1983 matters. DAG Micheletti has tried multiple matters before the New Jersey Superior and United States District Courts and has represented State agencies in front of administrative bodies including the Division of Civil Rights and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. DAG Micheletti has briefed and argued multiple appeals before the New Jersey Superior Court, Appellate Division and the United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals. He serves as a faculty member for New Jersey Attorney General's Advocacy Institute and the National Attorneys General Training and Research Institute. DAG Micheletti holds an undergraduate degree from Penn State University and a J.D. from Seton Hall 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, 2.0 qualify as hours of credit toward certification in criminal trial law, 2.0 qualify as hours of credit toward certification in civil trial law, 2.0 qualify as hours of credit towards newly admitted lawyers' requirements/criminal or civil trial preparation, and 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.

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