



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

EFFECTIVE CLOSING ARGUMENTS

**August 4, 2021
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

WEBINAR

Program Summary

This program will focus on how to present an effective closing argument that leaves a lasting impression. The presenter will help students develop a closing that integrates the legal, factual and persuasive elements of their case theory, captures the jury's attention, summarizes the testimony and evidence and persuades the jury to find in favor of their side.

Eligibility

This program is intended for deputy and assistant attorneys general in the Division of Law and is mandatory for DOL deputies who are registered for the August 2021 Civil Trial Advocacy Program. However, DAsG and AAsG in other divisions of the Department of Law and Public Safety are also eligible to attend. Registrants will receive the course materials prior to the program date.

Faculty

Lisa Dorio Ruch, Esq. is a Staff Agent at the New Jersey Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC), where she mediates and serves as a hearing officer for disputes involving public employers, employees, and labor unions. Prior to joining PERC, Lisa was a Deputy Attorney General with Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Law's Personnel, Community Affairs and Elections Section, handling a wide variety of civil service employment and labor matters in both trial and appellate courts, including the Third Circuit. Before serving as a Deputy Attorney General, Ms. Ruch was in private practice and served as a law clerk to the Honorable Marie Garibaldi of the New Jersey Supreme Court. Ms. Ruch holds a J.D. from Columbia University School of Law and a B.A. from Douglass College/Rutgers University.

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, 1.2 qualify as hours of credit toward certification in criminal trial law, 1.2 qualify as hours of credit toward certification in civil trial law, 1.2 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.

The AGAI will be unable to verify attendance or grant CLE credit to students who have not downloaded Zoom before the webinar.