



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

The Budget Cycle

August 31, 2021
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

WEBINAR

Program Summary

This presentation covers the State's budget cycle from the creation of the Governor's Annual Budget Message to the Legislature's enactment of the Annual Appropriations Act. The presenters will discuss the significance of the budget to the conduct of State government; the history of the constitutional provisions governing the State's fiscal structure and the key players in the process. They will also cover the four requirements of the constitutional mandate; what happens if an annual appropriations act is not enacted by the beginning of the fiscal year; recent case law involving challenges to budgetary actions; and the current fiscal challenges facing the State.

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

AAG Susan K. Fischer heads the Division of Law's Financial Affairs Practice Group, where she provides advice concerning State budget and debt issues to the State Treasurer, the Governor's Office and various independent authorities. She has over thirty years of experience as a transactional attorney in government, banking and private practice. AAG Fischer was previously the Chief of the Division of Law's Treasury Section, where she started as a DAG. Before joining LPS, she served as Senior Counsel at United Jersey Bank, Senior Counsel at the Office of Thrift Supervision in the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and as Counsel in the Secured Lending

Division at First Fidelity Bancorporation. AAG Fischer was also an associate in the corporate department of Orloff, Lowenback, Stifelman and Siegel and a public finance attorney at Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland and Perretti. She received a B.A. in Government, cum laude from Barnard College, New York City, and a J.D. with honors from Rutgers Law School, Newark, New Jersey.

Robert Garrenger, Esq. is an Assistant Attorney General serving on assignment to the Governor's Office as the Governor's Senior Special Counsel. Mr. Garrenger works closely with the Governor's senior staff and the State Treasurer to implement the Governor's fiscal priorities, and oversees the legal sufficiency of the structure and contents of the annual State budget. He has served in various legal positions in the Office of the Governor, including Deputy Chief Counsel, Special Budget Counsel, and Acting Chief Counsel. Before joining the Governor's Office, Mr. Garrenger served as a Deputy Attorney General in the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, representing the State and various State officials, including the Governor and the State Treasurer, in a variety of civil litigation. He previously worked as an associate in the Washington, D.C. firm of Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan, LLP, and served as a law clerk to the Honorable John C. Lifland of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. Mr. Garrenger received a Bachelor of Arts degree, cum laude, from Yale University, and a J.D., cum laude, from the University of Michigan Law School.

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.

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