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## PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

*The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present*

### **Plea Negotiations**

**September 28, 2021  
2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.**

### **WEBINAR**

#### *Program Summary*

This program will address the legal obligations of prosecutors in plea negotiations. Subjects include initial considerations at the start of plea discussions; relevant RPCs; dealing with unrepresented individuals; considerations with cooperating witnesses, and the importance of candor with the tribunal and adversaries.

#### *Eligibility*

This program is mandatory for new assistant prosecutors and Division of Criminal Justice deputies hired after October 2020 who have been selected to attend by each county prosecutor's office and the Division of Criminal Justice. Other assistant prosecutors and Division of Criminal Justice deputies are welcome to register.

#### *Faculty*

**DAG Cassandra Montalto** is the Deputy Chief of the Gangs and Organized Crime Bureau of the Division of Criminal Justice. She has prosecuted and tried cases involving racketeering, the distribution of controlled dangerous substances, weapons offenses, human trafficking, and the smuggling of contraband into correctional facilities. She has also prosecuted cases involving large scale wiretap investigations focused on interstate weapons trafficking and violent crime. DAG Montalto received a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Muhlenberg College and a J.D. from Rutgers Law School Newark.

### *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 towards newly admitted lawyers' requirements/criminal 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.