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## PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

*The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present*

### **Jury Selection**

**October 19, 2021  
1:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.**

### **WEBINAR**

#### *Program Summary*

Selecting a jury is of the utmost importance. This presentation will offer practical guidance on how to effectively choose a jury, as well as examine ethical problems and considerations in jury selection. The presenter will address the impact of social media in jury selection, crafting questions with a purpose, the importance of organization, and the use of challenges.

#### *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. Registrants will receive the course materials prior to the program date.

#### *Faculty*

**John McNamara, Jr.** is a Special Deputy Attorney General/Acting Chief Assistant Prosecutor with the Morris County Prosecutor's Office, where he oversees the Appellate and Special Investigations Units. He previously served as the Supervising Assistant Prosecutor of the Professional Standards Unit and as Chief of the Major Crimes Unit as its supervising attorney. Chief Assistant Prosecutor McNamara has prosecuted numerous homicide cases on behalf of the Morris County Prosecutor's Office, including capital cases before the abolition of the penalty in 2007. He has served as a Special Deputy Attorney General in the contested proceeding before the N.J. Supreme Court-appointed Special Master examining whether New Jersey should modify the admissibility standards for eyewitness identification testimony. He has also served as

amicus curiae counsel on behalf of the County Prosecutors Association of New Jersey (CPANJ) and argued on its behalf before the N.J. Supreme Court.

Chief Assistant Prosecutor McNamara initially joined the Morris County Prosecutor's Office under Prosecutor John B. Dangler. He briefly left the office for private practice before returning. Prior to working for the MCPO, Chief Assistant Prosecutor McNamara was an Assistant District Attorney for New York County under Robert M. Morgenthau, where his assignments included prosecuting homicide cases in the Homicide Bureau. Chief Assistant Prosecutor McNamara has served for five terms as a member of the New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Model Criminal Jury Charges. He holds a B.A. and M.A. in History from the University of Scranton and a J.D. from the Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law and served as a judicial clerk to the Hon. Donald G. Collester, Jr., J.A.D.

### *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 1.5 hours of Alternative Verifiable Learning Format (AVF) total CLE credit. Of these, 1.5 qualify as hours of credit toward certification in criminal trial law, 1.5 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.