



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

Racial Justice in New Jersey A Survey of Legal and Policy Issues

**October 20, 2021
1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.**

WEBINAR

Program Summary

This program will survey the laws and policies surrounding some of the most pressing racial justice issues in New Jersey. The presenter will provide historical context and statistical support for systemic racism issues in housing, wealth inequality, youth imprisonment, police use of force, voting, and restoration of rights for those convicted of crimes. He will also will review government policies and relevant statutes that perpetuate inequality and provide policy recommendations, and where possible, opportunities for individuals to take action to combat these issues.

Eligibility

This program is open to all employees in the Department of Law and Public Safety and attorneys in county prosecutors' offices.

Faculty

Yannick Wood, Esq. is the Criminal Justice Reform Director at the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice. He manages the Institute's efforts to transform New Jersey's youth incarceration system as well as creating initiatives to keep law enforcement accountable to the communities in which they serve. Prior to joining the Institute, Mr. Wood was an assistant district attorney with the Queens County District Attorney's Office, where he lead prosecutions of simple offenses to violent

felonies while advocating for diversion, substance abuse and mental health treatment programs and alternatives to incarceration. He has also been a voice for diversity and inclusion within the law enforcement community. Before working in the district attorney's office, Mr. Wood served as a fellow with Transform Johannesburg (now Neighbours), a community-based non-profit organization that focused on alleviating poverty, eliminating xenophobia, and promoting police accountability in inner-city Johannesburg, South Africa. He holds a B.A. from the University of Michigan and a J.D. from the University of Michigan 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 1.5 hours of Alternative Verifiable Learning Format (AVF) total CLE credit. Of these, 1.5 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism in the Diversity, Inclusion and Elimination of Bias category.

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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