



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

Trial Issues and Preparation

October 21, 2021
1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

WEBINAR

Program Summary

This course will provide a primer on trial preparation, including a framework for the steps necessary to get a case ready for trial. The presenters will discuss the challenges that frequently arise during trial preparation, common objections and how to overcome them and provide a brief overview of some common trial issues, including motions to bar experts, late discovery, and motions for mistrial.

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

DAG Heather Hausleben serves in the Gangs and Organized Crimes Bureau of the Division of Criminal Justice. The Bureau handles cases involving racketeering, distribution of controlled dangerous substances, weapons offenses, and human trafficking. DAG Hausleben also serves in the Office of Public Integrity and Accountability's Integrity Bureau handling cases involving police use of force and deaths in custody. She served as a law clerk for Camden County Superior Court Judge Samuel Natal. DAG Hausleben is a graduate of the University of South Florida and holds a J.D. from Seton Hall Law School.

Danielle R. Grootenboer is a Senior Assistant Prosecutor in the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office, where she serves as a Senior Supervising Assistant Prosecutor for Complex Cases, supervising assistant prosecutors in homicide and other serious, difficult cases. She previously served as Chief of the BCPO's Narcotics Task Force, Domestic Violence Unit and Homicide Squad. She also worked in the BCPO's Major Crimes Unit and Grand Jury and Trial Sections. Senior Assistant Prosecutor Grootenboer has tried approximately one hundred jury trials, most of which have been complex first-degree cases, including homicides.

Senior Assistant Prosecutor Grootenboer's extensive teaching experience includes conducting in-service programs for the BCPO, instructing police recruits, providing training to municipal police officers on Fourth Amendment issues and serving as faculty for the New Jersey Attorney General's Advanced Domestic Violence and Top Gun Programs. In 2019, the County Prosecutors Association of New Jersey recognized Senior Assistant Prosecutor Grootenboer for outstanding advocacy over a career. She also received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the New Jersey Women in Law Enforcement. Senior Assistant Prosecutor Grootenboer holds an undergraduate degree with honors from Fordham University and a J.D. from Seton Hall Law School, where she was the Notes & Surveys Editor for the Seton Hall Legislative Journal.

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 1.8 hours of Alternative Verifiable Learning Format (AVF) total CLE credit. Of these, 1.8 qualify as hours of credit toward certification in criminal trial law, 1.8 qualify as hours of credit towards newly admitted lawyers' requirements/criminal trial preparation, and 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

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

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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