



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

Organized Retail Crime

**March 8, 2022
1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.**

WEBINAR

Program Summary

This presentation will introduce the basics of investigating and prosecuting organized retail crimes (ORC). The presenters will cover the applicable criminal statutes, including shoplifting, racketeering, and money laundering and illustrate practical considerations with recent cases prosecuted by the Division of Criminal Justice.

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

DAG Valerie R. Butler is a Deputy Chief in the Division of Criminal Justice's Specialized Crimes Bureau, where she supervises the staff of the Atlantic City Task Force and Casino Prosecution Unit. Prior to joining the Specialized Crimes Bureau, DAG Butler was a member of the Official Corruption Bureau. Before joining the Division of Criminal Justice, DAG Butler was a member of the Division of Law's DCF Practice Group, where she represented the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency in child abuse/neglect and termination of parental rights matters. DAG Butler oversees the statewide Long Term Care Task Force, as well as the Division's Human Trafficking Unit. DAG Butler previously served as a member of the New Jersey Supreme Court Family Practice Committee. She received her B.A. from the University of Delaware and J.D. from Rutgers University School of Law in Camden.

DAG Brian Carney is a member of the Gangs and Organized Crimes Bureau of the Division of Criminal Justice, where he prosecutes firearms and narcotics cases. Prior to joining the Gangs and Organized Crimes Bureau, he worked in DCJ's Specialized Crimes Bureau. DAG Carney has also prosecuted environmental crimes, labor crimes and identity theft cases for DCJ. DAG Carney was the lead prosecutor for *Operation Pandora*, a racketeering case involving a group of professional thieves who targeted retail stores along the East Coast. DAG Carney is a member of the Delaware Air National Guard where he serves as a Judge Advocate General (JAG) for the 166th Airlift Wing. DAG Carney clerked for the Honorable Christopher J. Garrenger, J.S.C. in Burlington County. He is a graduate of Rutgers University and Rutgers Law School - Camden.

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, 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.