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## PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

*The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present*

### **Current Trends in Diagnostic Testing Schemes: An Introduction to VNG Testing and TCD Studies to Identify and Prove Medical Provider Fraud**

**March 30, 2022  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

## WEBINAR

### *Program Summary*

This presentation will cover the latest developments in diagnostic testing schemes, including the use of Infrared/Video ENG Testing (VNG testing) and Transcranial Doppler (TCD) studies billed by No-Fault providers. The program will examine New Jersey and New York provider billings to illustrate just how clever fraud schemes have become in recent years. Discussion will include a brief introduction to the clinical justification and purpose of each type of test, performance requirements and necessary equipment. The presenter will then outline tips and techniques to identify fraud in the testing, including effectively using insurers' data, scrutinizing providers' reports and bills, determining what to look for at clinic inspections and what questions to ask claimants at a recorded statement or EUO. The presenter will also discuss the criminal and civil statutes relating to fraudulent diagnostic testing to provide attendees with the legal framework to build their medical provider fraud case.

### *Eligibility*

Registration for this program is limited to those invited to attend by the New Jersey Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor and the National Insurance Crime Bureau. Registrants will receive the course materials prior to the program date.

## ***Faculty***

**Lori Smith** is President/CEO and the sole shareholder of Pattern Analysis, Inc., a litigation support company that provides law firms, insurers, and law enforcement agencies with data analysis and expert witness services aimed at identifying and proving patterns of medical provider fraud. She manages Pattern's medical expert witness services and serves as a Rule 1006 summary witness, providing data analysis, summary reports, exhibits and testimony for a variety of complex litigation matters. She works closely with attorneys and consulting and expert witnesses, including physicians, statisticians, and forensic accountants, to develop various types of proofs used in litigation. Ms. Smith presents regularly at insurance industry conferences devoted to combating fraud and provides training on anti-fraud techniques, solutions, and strategies to SIU and claims personnel and investigators from law enforcement agencies. Ms. Smith graduated *summa cum laude* from Rutgers Law School. She also holds an MBA from Rowan University and is a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) and a Fraud Claims Law Specialist (FCLS).

## ***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, 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

## ***Agenda***

- 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION – 10:00 AM – 10:05 AM**
  - a. AAG Tracy M. Thompson, Insurance Fraud Prosecutor, NJ Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor
  - b. Sgt. Kristi Procaccino, OIFP Liaison
  
- 2. NICB UPDATES – 10:05 AM – 10:15 AM**
  - a. Bill Woolf, Mid-Atlantic Regional Director, National Insurance Crime Bureau
  - b. Terri DiGiorgio, Supervisory Special Agent
  
- 3. PRESENTATION - 10:15 AM – 11:45 AM**

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- 4. OPEN DISCUSSION / INTELLIGENCE SHARING – 11:45 AM – 12:00 PM**

## ***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.