



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

Combatting Elder Fraud and Abuse

April 28, 2022
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

WEBINAR

Program Summary

This presentation will provide attendees with tools and strategies to enhance their ability to recognize and address fraud and abuse committed against vulnerable senior citizens. The presenters will discuss the types, signs and risk factors for elder fraud and abuse. The presenters will also address how to report elder fraud and abuse, and strategies for preventing mistreatment and fostering protection of senior citizens.

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 Peter Sepulveda is the Bureau Chief of the N.J. Medicaid Fraud Control Unit in the Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor. Chief Sepulveda supervises the investigation and successful prosecution of defendants involved in billing for services not rendered, kickback schemes, and the illegal sale of prescription drugs. He also directs the Unit's N.J. Elder Protection Task Force, which investigates and prosecutes financial and physical abuse of institutionalized elderly patients. Chief Sepulveda previously worked as a staff attorney in the Investigations Division of the New Jersey Office of the State Comptroller, investigating fraud, waste and abuse of taxpayer funds. He started his prosecutorial career as an Assistant Prosecutor in the Essex County Prosecutor's Office. He has litigated 20 criminal jury trials, including attempted murder, robbery, official misconduct,

commercial bribery, aggravated assault, and burglary. Chief Sepulveda holds a B.A. from Villanova University and a J.D. from Seton Hall University Law School.

Joseph Jaruszewski is the Central Squad Lieutenant for the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit in the Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor. He has over 22 years of experience in Medicaid fraud and elder abuse investigations. Prior to joining the Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor, he worked for the New Jersey Office of Attorney Ethics. Lt. Jaruszewski received a Bachelor of Arts in Russian Studies from the University of Pennsylvania and a J.D. from Seton Hall University School of Law.

Laurie Facciarossa Brewer is New Jersey's Long-Term Care Ombudsman. She heads the NJ Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman (LTCO), which advocates for residents of long-term care facilities by investigating allegations of abuse, neglect and exploitation. As Ombudsman, she has helped advance policy and legislation to reform the state's long-term care system in the wake of the COVID-19 public health emergency, successfully lobbied for an LGBTQI+ Senior Bill of Rights and created a federally funded Social Isolation Project designed to address the needs of residents in long-term care facilities hardest hit by the COVID-19 crisis. Ms. Facciarossa Brewer previously served as the LTCO Chief of Staff, overseeing a dramatic increase in the LTCO Volunteer Advocate Program, obtaining federal funding to help transition people out of nursing homes, and streamlining the intake and investigations process to improve LTCO response times. Ms. Facciarossa Brewer has also served as Director of Communications for the New Jersey Department of the Public Advocate, Director of Public Affairs for the New Jersey Department of Human Services, and Deputy Project Manager for Health Care Reform in the DHS Division of Medical and Health Services. She is a graduate of Rowan University.

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 1.2 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.