



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

Voir Dire and Jury Selection

May 11, 2022
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Congress Hall
200 Congress Place
Cape May, NJ 08204

Program Summary

This program will educate attorneys about the psychology of juror decision making and its application to voir dire and jury selection. The presenter will discuss strategies and methods to help attorneys overcome communication obstacles and conduct more effective voir dire. Attendees will learn about biases jurors bring to the courtroom that influence their perceptions of the trial. The presenter will provide entertaining and useful information on juror psychology, with an emphasis on practical advice to apply academic studies of jury psychology and jury research to cases faced by prosecutors.

Eligibility

Attendance at this program is limited to County Prosecutors, Division of Criminal Justice Assistant Attorneys General and Department of Law and Public Safety executive staff invited to attend. Registrants will receive the course materials on the day of the program.

Faculty

Marygrace Schaeffer is the Senior Vice President of DecisionQuest. She has developed trial strategies from a social science perspective for over twenty-five years and provided jury research and trial consulting on hundreds of civil and criminal cases across the country. Ms. Schaeffer's expertise includes overall trial strategy and theme development, mock trials, voir dire and jury selection, witness evaluation and preparation, shadow juries, post-trial interviews and visual communications. She is a frequent speaker on voir dire and jury selection, trial tips and techniques and expert witness performance throughout the United States and Europe. Ms.

Schaeffer holds a B.S. in Sociology from the University of Oregon.

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 2.0 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 2.0 qualify as hours of credit toward certification in criminal trial law, 2.0 qualify as hours of credit towards newly admitted lawyers' requirements/criminal trial preparation, and 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

PA CLE Credit: 1.5 Substantive Credits (\$3.00 mandatory registration fee required).