



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

The Open Public Records Act - 2022 Update

June 29, 2022
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

WEBINAR

Program Summary

Responding to public records requests continues to present a myriad of challenges to OPRA custodians throughout the State, especially in the last year as our courts continue to confront and weigh in on novel and complicated issues. This program will provide a broad overview of OPRA case law developments and offer practical suggestions to assess old and new challenges and better assist with counselling client agencies. The presenters will offer a common sense approach to striking an appropriate balance between transparency and the legitimate need for confidentiality, to foster efficient government operation and protect citizens' security and privacy interests.

Eligibility

This program is open to attorneys in the Department of Law and Public Safety, county prosecutors' offices and LPS and agency OPRA custodians invited to attend. Registrants will receive the course materials prior to the program date.

Faculty

AAG Raymond R. Chance III is the AAG in charge of the Division of Law's Public Records Advice and Disputes Practice Group. He has overall responsibility for the supervision of DASG throughout the Division who provide advice to various State agencies. AAG Chance has directly handled many significant OPRA cases in the Supreme Court, Appellate Division, and trial courts. He was previously the Section Chief of the Banking and Insurance Section. Prior to joining LPS, AAG Chance worked at the former Horn Goldberg Gorny Daniels Paarz Plackter & Weiss (now Fox Rothschild) law firm in Atlantic City, where he handled complex asbestos litigation and other insurance defense cases. AAG Chance is a graduate of the Dickinson School of Law and the University of Colorado at Boulder.

DAG Sara Gregory is the Assistant Section Chief of the Division of Law's Public Records Advice and Disputes Section. She supervises OPRA advice, litigation, and administrative matters before the Government Records Council for clients throughout the State. Prior to joining the PRAD Section, she supervised statewide appeals as the Assistant Section Chief in the Department of Children and Families (DCF) Appeals Section of the Division of Law, where she successfully represented DCF in numerous appeals and arguments before both the Appellate Division and the New Jersey Supreme Court. DAG Gregory earned a B.A. from Rutgers University and a law degree from Rutgers-Newark Law School and clerked for the Honorable Joseph L. Yannotti, P.J.A.D.

CLE Credit

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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.

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