



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

Ethics Issues for the Attorney General and Department of Law & Public Safety Executive Staff

**August 3, 2022
3:00 p.m. – 4:40 p.m.**

WEBINAR

Program Summary

This program will examine ethics requirements for employees of the executive branch of State government, with an emphasis on issues that affect the Attorney General and Department of Law & Public Safety executive staff members. The course will cover the Conflicts of Interest Law, N.J.S.A. 52:13D-12 et seq., ethics rules, N.J.A.C.19:6.1 et seq., the Uniform Ethics Code, ethics-related executive orders and the Department of Law & Public Safety Supplementary Ethics Code.

The presenter will address specific ethics subject areas that uniquely affect the Attorney General and executive staff members, including restrictions on acceptance of gifts, statutory provisions limiting reimbursement for out-of-state travel and requirements for documenting business meals. Attendance at events related to State duties will be discussed, including the circumstances when attendance forms are required and the nuances of filing out those forms for events commonly attended by executive staff members. The program will also cover precautions regarding political activity, financial disclosure requirements, identification and analysis of matters warranting recusal and the procedure for and scope of recusal. The program will incorporate additional ethics requirements from the Department of Law & Public Safety Supplemental Ethics Code. This session will satisfy the mandatory ethics training requirement for State executive branch employees.

Eligibility

Attendance at this program is limited to members of the Attorney General's executive staff who have been invited to attend.

Faculty

AAG Melissa Liebermann is the Department of Law & Public Safety's Chief Ethics & Compliance Officer. She provides ethics advice and counsel to department employees on the application of the Conflicts of Interest Law, the Uniform Ethics Code, the LPS Supplementary Ethics Code, the Rules of Professional Conduct and other ethics standards. AAG Liebermann was previously Chief of Staff and Counsel to the Attorney General. Before joining LPS, she served in the Office of the State Comptroller as Chief of Staff and Deputy State Comptroller, where she oversaw audits of government programs and investigations of government employee misconduct. Prior to working for the OSC, AAG Liebermann was an Assistant Counsel to the Governor and a litigation associate at a large New Jersey law firm. AAG Liebermann began her legal career as a Deputy Attorney General in the Division of Law, representing the Division of Consumer Affairs. She clerked for J.A.D. Philip S. Carchman (ret.). She holds a B.A. in Political Science from Tufts University and a J.D. with honors from Rutgers School of Law-Newark.

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 Alternative Verifiable Learning Format (AVF) total CLE credit. Of these, 2.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

Registration

Attorneys eligible to attend this program will receive registration instructions from the AGAI.