

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

Legal Requirements for Video Evidence Narration by Lay Witnesses

May 4, 2023

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office Room 235 115 Vine Street, Bridgeton, NJ

Program Summary

In <u>State v. Watson</u>, 472 <u>N.J. Super.</u> 381 (App. Div. 2022), an appellate court distilled general principles related to lay witness opinion testimony and adapted those principles to the specific context of a "play-by-play" narration of video recordings. This program will dissect the *Watson* holding. The instructors will detail its application in presenting a case to a jury and the limits of lay testimony in the context of "narration" of video evidence, with a specific focus on the two-pronged test for lay opinion testimony under <u>N.J.R.E. 701</u>.

Eligibility

Registration for this program is limited to Cumberland County assistant prosecutors.

Faculty

Harold B. Shapiro is the First Assistant Prosecutor for Cumberland County. Prior to that position, he was engaged private practice with Shapiro and Shapiro, which included serving as an assigned Criminal Justice Act attorney in New Jersey Federal Court, as a Solicitor and Negotiator for the Cumberland County Board of Social Services and as Associate Solicitor for the Vineland Board of Education. FAP Shapiro was also an Assistant Federal Public Defender for the District of New Jersey. He began his career as a law clerk for The Honorable Stanley S. Brotman, United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, after receiving a J.D. with honors from Rutgers Law School – Newark.

Assistant Prosecutor Lindsey Seidel is a Senior Trial Attorney who prosecutes criminal matters in the Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office. She was previously a member of the Office of the Public Defender, handling criminal matters in Cumberland County. Before entering public service, AP Seidel worked in a general practice law firm, handling family and criminal defense matters. She clerked for the Honorable Harold U. Johnson Jr. in the family division. AP Seidel holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and Sociology from Widener University and a J.D. from Widener Law School.

Assistant Prosecutor Kim Barfield is a member of the trial team in the Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office. She has tried cases and handled Suppression, Miranda, Wade, Franks, VOP, Post-Conviction Relief and Evidentiary hearings. Prior to joining the trial team, she was the Drug Court Assistant Prosecutor (now referred to as Recovery Court). Prior to that assignment, she was a member of the Special Litigation/Appellate Unit. She handled Expungements, submitted briefs as an Appellant and Respondent to the New Jersey Appellate Division and New Jersey Supreme Court, and argued before the New Jersey Appellate Division. AP Barfield attended St. Louis University School of Law, Florida State University and Alabama State University.

CLE Credit

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