



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

Parties, Litigation Control Groups, and Witnesses Rules for Effectively and Ethically Dealing with Each

**May 22, 2023
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

WEBINAR

Program Summary

This program will explain the distinction between clients, members of a litigation control group, and witnesses, as well as the different considerations involved in discussions with each. The presenters will provide guidance on ethically representing State agencies, including understanding the organization as a client and adhering to the requirements of RPCs 4.2 and 4.3 governing communications with persons represented by counsel and unrepresented parties. They will also cover attorney-client privilege in the context of representing State agencies.

Eligibility

Registration for this program is limited to Deputy and Assistant Attorneys General in the State Police, Employment and Corrections Section of the Division of Law.

Faculty

AAG Michael C. Walters is a Deputy Director in the Division of Law. He previously served as the Assistant Attorney General in Charge of Litigation. Prior to that position, he was the Section Chief of the Education & Higher Education Section, where he supervised the coordination and development of litigation strategy for representing the New Jersey Department of Education and New Jersey colleges and universities. He has briefed and argued cases involving a wide range of issues before the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, the New Jersey Appellate Division and the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. He began his career as a law clerk for The Honorable Myron H. Gottlieb, J.S.C and graduated from Rutgers School Law in 1998.

DAG James M. Duttera is an Assistant Section Chief in the Division of Law's State Police, Employment Litigation and Corrections Section, where he manages a group of trial attorneys and handles the defense of complex employment litigation and civil rights cases brought against State entities. DAG Duttera's extensive litigation experience includes handling all aspects of civil matters from inception through appeal and trying multiple cases before the New Jersey Superior and United States District Courts. Prior to joining the Division of Law, DAG Duttera served as a trial lawyer working exclusively in employment litigation for over a decade. He has been selected by his peers as a member of Philadelphia Magazine's "Pennsylvania Rising Stars" list and for inclusion as a Philadelphia Super Lawyer. DAG Duttera is a graduate of St. Joseph's University and holds a J.D. from Temple University Beasley School of Law.

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, 1.2 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.

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