



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

Forensic Pathology for Prosecutors

June 20, 2023
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

WEBINAR

Program Summary

This program will assist prosecutors in understanding how a forensic pathologist interfaces with the criminal justice system. The presenter will review basic terminology describing changes after death and their limited use in determining the time of death. Prosecutors will learn about different types of injuries, how to classify them and how to interpret a postmortem examination report.

Eligibility

This program is open to County Prosecutors and Assistant Prosecutors and Deputy Attorneys General in the Department of Law and Public Safety's Division of Criminal Justice.

Faculty

Dr. Lauren Thoma, M.D. is the Deputy Chief Medical Examiner in the Middlesex Regional Medical Examiner's Office (MRMEO). MRMEO is the second largest regional medical examiner's office in the State, providing death investigation services for Middlesex, Monmouth, and Mercer counties in addition to coverage for the Hunterdon and Burlington County offices. She was previously an Assistant Medical Examiner for Middlesex County. Prior to that, she worked at the State of New Jersey's Northern Regional Medical Examiner's Office in Newark. Dr. Thoma has performed over 2200 autopsies and testified over 60 times in Superior Court in New Jersey and New York and in federal court. She is a lecturer at the New Jersey State Police Crime Scene Investigation School, and works with the Middlesex, Monmouth, and Mercer County Overdose Review Teams and the Central Regional Team of the NJ Child Fatality and Near Fatality Review Team. Dr. Thoma holds a B.S., *Summa Cum Laude* in Biology with a minor in Chemistry from Wilson College in Chambersburg, PA and an M.D. from Jefferson Medical College in

Philadelphia, PA. She completed her residency in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, including a stint as Chief Resident, and held fellowships at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner of the City of New York in Forensic Pathology and Forensic Cardiac Pathology/Neuropathology.

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 1.8 hours of Alternative Verifiable Learning Format (AVF) total CLE credit. Of these, 1.8 qualify as hours of credit toward certification in criminal trial law, and 0.0 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.

The AGAI will be unable to verify attendance or grant CLE credit to students who have not downloaded Zoom before the webinar.