



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

Asset Forfeiture: Taking the Profit Out of Crime

July 19, 2023
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

WEBINAR

Program Summary

This program will cover the goals, investigation, and prosecution of civil forfeitures. Participants will learn how to identify the proceeds and instrumentalities of criminal activity and develop probable cause to seize it. The presenter will also provide an overview of forfeiture litigation, from filing a complaint to obtaining a judgment.

Eligibility

This presentation is intended for those that deal with civil forfeiture; it 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

DAG Nicole DePalma is a member of the Forfeiture Unit within the Department of Law and Public Safety's Division of Criminal Justice. She has been a prosecutor for 17 years. Prior to joining DCJ, she was an Assistant Prosecutor in Hudson County, assigned to trial teams and the Appellate, Pre-Indictment, Drug Court and Expungement Units. Her final assignment at the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office was as a supervising attorney in its Forfeiture Unit. DAG DePalma wrote the brief on behalf of the State in the matter of State v. Melendez, 240 N.J. 268 (2020), a forfeiture case that was decided by the New Jersey Supreme Court. She is a graduate of Villanova University and Seton Hall School of Law and clerked for the Honorable Carmen Messano, Presiding Judge of the Appellate Division, Retired.

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 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.

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