



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

Evidence Rules You Need to Know and Love

**September 14, 2023
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex
Advocacy Institute Conference Center
Fourth Floor, West Wing
25 Market Street, Trenton, New Jersey***

*** This program will also be simulcast as a webinar.**

Program Summary

Trial work requires knowledge of the New Jersey Rules of Evidence, the application of the rules and interplay with the Rules of Court. This presentation will help you enhance your trial skills with the evidence rules you need to know for your next civil trial.

Eligibility

This program is designed for Deputy Attorneys General who engage in civil litigation practice. However, DAsG who engage in criminal litigation and assistant prosecutors are welcome to attend.

Faculty

DAG Timothy O'Brien is an Assistant Section Chief in the Tort Litigation and Judiciary Section of the Division of Law. Prior to serving in this section, DAG O'Brien worked in the State Police, Employment and Corrections Section. There, he defended State Police and the Department of Corrections in claims of excessive force, wrongful arrest, conditions of confinement including the provision of inadequate medical care, as well as ADA violations and employment claims brought against other State agencies in State and Federal court. Prior to joining the Division of Law, DAG O'Brien was a partner at Crammer, Bishop & O'Brien, where he focused on defending medical malpractice claims. DAG O'Brien has tried over 100 jury trials to verdict during the course of his

career. He received a B.A. in Psychology from Stonehill College and a J.D. from the University of Dayton School of Law.

DAG David Burns serves in the Tort Litigation and Judiciary Section of the Division of Law. He defends the State and other public entities in claims of wrongful death and catastrophic injury and prosecutes judicial removal trials before the New Jersey Supreme Court. Prior to joining the Division of Law, he was a partner at Lacovara and Burns, LLC where he represented plaintiffs in personal injury law suits. DAG Burns was a law clerk to the Honorable J. Gilbert Van Sciver, Jr., P.J.S.C., Law Division - Burlington County. He earned a B.S. in Accounting, *summa cum laude*, from Saint Joseph's University and a J.D., *cum laude*, from Rutgers School of Law, Camden.

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 total CLE credit. Of these, 2.0 qualify as hours of credit toward certification in civil trial law, 2.0 qualify as hours of credit towards newly admitted lawyers' requirements/civil trial preparation and 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

PA CLE Credit: 1.5 substantive credits (\$3.00 mandatory registration fee required).

Registration

Attorneys who are eligible to attend this program should fill out the registration form linked in the live program announcement email.