



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

Prosecuting Bias Crimes

September 15, 2023
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

WEBINAR

Program Summary

The Attorney General and County Prosecutors play an important role in eliminating bias and combatting hate by investigating and prosecuting bias crimes. This presentation will address the New Jersey bias intimidation statute, the difference between a bias incident and a bias crime, and the role of bias crimes units in the Division of Criminal Justice and county prosecutors' offices. The presenter will discuss relevant cases and provide hypotheticals to deepen students' understanding of bias crimes.

Eligibility

This program is open to attorneys in the Department of Law and Public Safety and county prosecutors' offices.

Faculty

DAG Gezim Bajrami is a bias crimes prosecutor in the Division of Criminal Justice's newly formed Sensitive Victims Unit, where his duties include screening, investigating and prosecuting bias crimes. He also provides public outreach, representing DCJ at community seminars on bias incidents and crimes. DAG Bajrami previously served in the Division's then-Specialized Crimes Bureau, where he focused on complex auto theft investigations. He received an Attorney General's Award for Excellence in Investigations for his role in prosecuting and sentencing a multi-county burglary ring and a Commendation from New Jersey State Police Colonel Patrick J. Callahan for his leadership in investigating and prosecuting a multi-million dollar tax evasion and fraud case. DAG Bajrami holds a Bachelor of Arts in Government from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas, and a Juris Doctor from Seton Hall Law School.

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 for ethics/professionalism in the Diversity, Inclusion and Elimination of Bias category.

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.