



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

**New Jersey Department of Law & Public Safety
Office of Public Integrity and Accountability**

Anti-Corruption Symposium

September 21, 2023

9:00 a.m.* – 4:45 p.m.

**N.J. Forensic Science & Technology Center
1200 Negron Drive
Hamilton, New Jersey**

***Registration starts at 8:30 a.m.**

Program Summary

This symposium is designed for corruption and public integrity prosecutors and detectives. The presenters will address a variety of issues involved in the investigation and prosecution of public corruption cases. The topics covered will include the application of enhanced penalties for public officials convicted of certain corruption crimes, the Attorney General Guidelines Concerning Prosecutions of Public Officials and investigative strategies and methods used to successfully prosecute corruption cases.

Eligibility

This program is designed for attorneys and detectives who prosecute and investigate public corruption/public integrity cases. Registration is open to DAsG from the Division of Criminal Justice, the Office of Public Integrity and Accountability and the Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor, assistant county prosecutors, and law enforcement officers from their respective offices.

Faculty

AAG Thomas J. Eicher is the first Director of the Office of Public Integrity and Accountability in the New Jersey Attorney General's Office. The OPIA prosecutes public officials for crimes related to their offices, significant cases of fraud against the government, and civil rights violations. Prior to joining the Attorney General's Office, AAG Eicher worked for over thirty years in the United States Attorney's Offices in New Jersey and the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, holding various positions including Deputy United States Attorney and Chief of the Criminal Division. He has prosecuted a wide range of cases, including RICO murder cases, public corruption, including cases against members of Congress, securities fraud, civil rights, FCPA and narcotics cases. AAG Eicher clerked for the Honorable James R. Browning, Chief Judge of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. He graduated *cum laude* from Princeton University and *magna cum laude* from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

AAG Anthony A. Picione is the Deputy Director of the Office of Public Integrity and Accountability in New Jersey Attorney General's Office. He was previously the Deputy Chief and then the Chief of the Division of Criminal Justice's Corruption and Government Fraud Bureau for over a decade. AAG Picione's practice concentrates on white-collar crime, particularly offenses involving public officials and public funds. During his career, AAG Picione has prosecuted numerous high profile cases involving public corruption and the theft of public funds. AAG Picione is also an instructor for the New Jersey Attorney General's Advocacy Institute, the National Attorneys General Research and Training Institute, and the New Jersey Police Training Commission, as well as an Adjunct Professor of Trial Advocacy for Rutgers Law School. AAG Picione received a Bachelor's of Arts in Political Science, *magna cum laude* from Drew University and a Juris Doctor, *cum laude* from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Lieutenant Kiersten Pentony is a member of the Office of Public Integrity and Accountability within the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice. She has conducted numerous investigations involving public officials and public funds, including contract procurement fraud cases. Lt. Pentony has given presentations at conferences throughout the state on the subject of public corruption. She has served as a member of the Attorney General's Shooting Response Team, which investigates police-involved shootings throughout the state. Lt. Pentony is a two-time recipient of the Meritorious Service Award from New Jersey Women in Law Enforcement. She received a B.A. from Georgetown University, and an M.A. from New York University. Lt. Pentony is also a Certified Financial Crime Specialist conferred by the Association of Certified Crime Specialists (ACFCS).

DAG Peter Lee is the Chief of Office of Public Integrity & Accountability's Corruption Bureau. His practice concentrates on white collar crime, particularly offenses involving public officials and public funds. Prior to joining the Corruption Bureau, DAG Lee was assigned to the Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor, where he prosecuted insurance crimes, including health care claims, disability insurance and property insurance fraud. Before joining the Division of Criminal Justice, DAG Lee was in private practice, concentrating in products liability and environmental litigation. He received a B.A., *cum laude* from the University of Chicago and a J.D. from Cornell Law School.

DAG Jeffrey J. Manis is a Deputy Bureau Chief in the Office of Public Integrity and Accountability (OPIA). He has supervised and participated in the investigation and successful prosecution of complex, high profile white collar criminal cases involving all forms of public corruption, government fraud, and various other crimes – including bribery, official misconduct, embezzlement and misappropriation of public funds, money laundering, and bid-rigging – before New Jersey Superior Courts throughout the State. DAG Manis recently returned to OPIA to resume a supervisory role after serving as an Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) with the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of New Jersey. For the majority of his career as an AUSA, he was assigned to the office’s Special Prosecutions Division, investigating and prosecuting complex, high priority federal public corruption cases involving bribery and kickback schemes, extortion, wire fraud, and related crimes such as money laundering and criminal tax offenses. Before becoming a state and federal prosecutor, DAG Manis was in private practice as a commercial litigator with the firm of Day Pitney LLP, and clerked for the Honorable Stanley S. Brotman and the Honorable Joseph E. Irenas of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, Camden Vicinage. He holds a B.A. with highest honors from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a J.D. from New York University School of Law.

DAG Heather Hausleben is the Deputy Chief of the Corruption Bureau in the Office of Public Integrity and Accountability, where she oversees the investigation and prosecution of crimes committed by and involving public officials, as well as public contract fraud. She was previously assigned to the Gangs and Organized Crimes Bureau of the Division of Criminal Justice, handling cases involving racketeering, distribution of controlled dangerous substances, weapons offenses, and human trafficking. In both roles, DAG Hausleben worked with OPIA’s Integrity Bureau, where she was responsible for investigations involving police use of force and deaths in custody. She served as a law clerk for Camden County Superior Court Judge Samuel Natal. DAG Hausleben holds a Bachelor’s of Arts in Philosophy from the University of South Florida and a Juris Doctor from Seton Hall Law School.

DAG Steven Yomtov is a Deputy Chief with the Division of Criminal Justice’s Appellate Unit. He litigates appellate matters in both state and federal courts, and routinely appears in the Appellate Division and the New Jersey Supreme Court. He also provides counsel to law enforcement agencies throughout the State and specializes in the area of search and seizure. In 2011, DAG Yomtov was the recipient of the Attorney General’s Award for Excellence in Appellate Litigation. He began his legal career as an Assistant District Attorney in the Appeals Bureau of the Bronx District Attorney’s Office in New York. He received both his Bachelor’s and Master’s Degrees in Political Science from Binghamton University and his J.D. from Pace University School of Law. Following graduate school, DAG Yomtov served as a Governor’s Fellow at the New Jersey Office of Management and Budget.

Deputy Chief Assistant Prosecutor Alexander Albu is a member of the Essex County Prosecutor’s Office, where he oversees the Professional Standards Bureau. The Professional Standards Bureau is responsible for the investigation and prosecution of all criminal misconduct involving police in Essex County. Deputy Chief Assistant Prosecutor Albu has tried dozens of cases before petit juries, including both public corruption cases and other criminal matters. He is also an instructor for the Essex County Police Academy. Deputy Chief Assistant Prosecutor Albu received a B.A. and a J.D. from Seton Hall University.

AAG Richard T. Burke is Counsel to the Director of the Office of Public Integrity and Accountability. His responsibilities include supervision of the Special Investigations Bureau, which handles allegations of misconduct involving violations of Standard Operating Procedures, State and Departmental Policies and Procedures, and NJ Administrative Code in the Division of Criminal Justice. The Bureau also conducts external (outside DCJ) investigations of high level officials to include other divisions in the Department of Law and Public Safety, State agencies, County Prosecutor's Offices and Police Departments, where conflicts exist. In addition to investigative responsibilities, the Bureau is tasked with the statewide oversight and implementation of the Attorney General's Internal Affairs Policy and Procedures, including training. Before joining OPIA, Mr. Burke was the Warren County Prosecutor from 2012-2019 and in private practice for almost 30 years, which included representation of numerous municipalities as municipal prosecutor. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Gettysburg College and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Bridgeport School of Law.

Detective Mark Wondrack is a member of the Office of Public Integrity & Accountability. He investigates misconduct allegations against members of the Division of Criminal Justice, as well as other state, county and municipal offices where conflicts exist. Detective Wondrack also assists internal affairs offices throughout New Jersey with clarification of policies and implementation of best practices in all matters related to the investigation of misconduct. Prior to joining OPIA, Detective Wondrack was the Director of the Division of Security, Investigations & Internal Audit for the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, where he directed the investigation of all employee misconduct and fraud against the MVC. Before that, he was a member of New Jersey State Police, retiring as the Major in Charge of the NJSP's Office of Professional Standards, where he investigated, managed and adjudicated misconduct cases, investigated and supervised complex, sensitive investigations and search warrant executions, and conducted and supervised complex and large scale criminal and administrative investigations. Detective Wondrack earned a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Seton Hall University.

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 7.0 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

PA CLE Credit: 5.5 Substantive Credits (\$9.00 mandatory registration fee required).

Registration

Attorneys and law enforcement officers who have been invited to attend this program should fill out the registration form linked in the program announcement email.

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AGENDA

- 8:30 – 9:00 **Registration**
- 9:00 – 9:10 **Introductory Remarks**
Thomas Eicher, Director, OPIA
- 9:10 – 10:45 **Overview of Corruption Investigations**
Thomas Eicher, Director, OPIA
Anthony Picione, Deputy Director, OPIA
Kiersten Pentony, Lieutenant, OPIA
- 10:45 – 11:00 **Break**
- 11:00 – 12:30 **Enhanced Corruption Penalties, PTI and Recovery Court**
Peter Lee, Chief, OPIA Corruption Bureau
Jeffrey Manis, Deputy Chief, OPIA Corruption Bureau
- 12:30 – 1:45 **Lunch**
- 1:45 – 3:15 **Forfeiture of Public Office/Lifetime Ban on Public Employment**
Heather Hausleben, Deputy Chief, OPIA Corruption Bureau
Steven Yomtov, Deputy Chief, DCJ Appellate Bureau
- 3:15 – 3:30 **Break**
- 3:30 – 4:45 **Internal Affairs Investigations and the Interplay between IA and Criminal Investigations**
Alexander Albu, Deputy Chief Assistant Prosecutor, Essex County
Richard Burke, Counsel to the Director, OPIA
Mark Wondrack, Detective, OPIA