PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

First-Time In-Court Identifications
The Legal Requirements after State v. Watson

September 26, 2023
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

WEBINAR

Program Summary

In State v. Watson, ___ N.J. ___ (2023), decided on August 2, 2023, the New Jersey Supreme Court applied the principles in State v. Henderson, 208 N.J. 208 (2011) to first-time in-court identifications of defendants, holding that they are inherently suggestive and unreliable and thus implicate due process concerns. As a consequence, the Supreme Court accorded first-time in-court identifications special treatment and imposed new obligations on prosecutors and the trial courts. This program will dissect the Supreme Court's holding in Watson regarding first-time in-court identifications and its ramifications for prosecutors going forward.

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

Assistant Prosecutor Nancy Hulett serves in the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office Appellate Section. Before joining the MCPO, she was a Deputy Attorney General in the Department of Law & Public Safety's Division of Criminal Justice, working in its Appellate Section. AP Hulett has argued cases before the Appellate Division, the Supreme Court of New Jersey and the Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. She received a B.A. from Barnard College and a J.D. from Washington and Lee University School of Law.

DAG Amanda Schwartz serves in the Division of Criminal Justice's Appellate Bureau, where she litigates criminal appeals in the Appellate Division and Supreme Court. She is a member of the Bureau's working groups on DNA/CODIS, Search and Seizure, and Miranda Warnings. Prior to joining the Division, DAG Schwartz clerked for the Honorable Patrick DeAlmeida, J.A.D., while he was the Presiding Judge of the Tax Court and a judge in the Appellate Division. She received a B.A. from the College of Staten Island and a J.D., cum laude, from Seton Hall Law School.

CLE Credit

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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.

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