

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

The DOL Basic Civil & Administrative Practice Series ("BCAP")

Election Training, Part I Introduction to Election Duty

October 4, 2023 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

WEBINAR

Program Summary

The Attorney General provides year-round representation to 21 county boards of elections and 9 county superintendents of elections. On the days of the primary and general elections, as well as during the early voting periods preceding each of those elections, deputy attorneys general throughout the Division of Law are assigned to county boards and superintendents of elections to provide legal advice as questions arise, and to appear in court on behalf of county election officials. Deputies usually report to county election officials' offices for in-person representation, but may also represent election officials by virtual appearance.

This program will familiarize deputies with the election process, including the clients they represent when assigned to election duty, the legal responsibilities and powers of those clients, what a deputy should expect when representing their county elections clients during election duty, and the duties and responsibilities of deputies during early voting and on election days.

Eligibility

This program is mandatory for Division of Law Deputy Attorneys General hired after April 2023 who have not previously completed the Basic Civil and Administrative Practice (BCAP) series of courses. DOL deputies who are required to take this program must register for all BCAP sessions.

Other Division of Law deputies are welcome to attend this program.

Faculty

DAG Nicole Adams is an Assistant Section Chief in the Community Affairs, State and Elections Section of the Division of Law. She handles a variety of election matters, including client advice and litigation. Prior to becoming an Assistant Section Chief, she was a line deputy in the State Police, Employment and Corrections Section. During her time with the Division, DAG Adams has handled matters in both State and federal courts, including election law litigation, challenges to New Jersey statutes and various civil rights claims. Prior to joining DOL, DAG Adams held a clerkship with the Honorable Mark J. Fleming, J.S.C. in the Mercer Vicinage. She is a graduate of the University of Delaware and Drexel University School of Law.

SDAG George Cohen is a member of the Community Affairs, State and Elections Section of the Division of Law. He has provided legal guidance to a host of State agency clients, including years of hands-on experience with New Jersey's election laws. SDAG Cohen has handled sensitive election law cases addressing the adequacy of electronic voting machines, an attack on statutory voter registration deadlines and a constitutional challenge to residency and registration requirements for persons circulating nominating petitions. He holds a B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and a J.D. from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law of Yeshiva 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 1.8 hours of Alternative Verifiable Learning Format (AVF) total CLE credit. Of these, 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.

The AGAI will be unable to verify attendance or grant CLE credit to students who have not downloaded Zoom before the webinar.