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## PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

*The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present*

**State v. Ramirez – Victim's Rights vs. Defendant's Rights**

**December 21, 2023**

**12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.**

**Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office  
Room 235  
115 Vine Street, Bridgeton, NJ**

### *Program Summary*

In State v. Ramirez, 252 N.J. 277 (2022), the Supreme Court addressed the balancing of competing interests of the victim and the defendant's constitutional rights. Criminal defendants' constitutional rights to broad and complete discovery can stand in conflict with the chilling effect that discovery can have on material witnesses who are subject to intimidation, harassment, or embarrassment. This program will examine the Ramirez holding in detail, particularly as it relates to the prosecution's discovery obligation and potential motions for protective orders. The instructors will also discuss the surrounding case law in relation to motion practice in requesting a protective order under NJ Ct R. 3:13-3(e).

### *Eligibility*

Registration for this program is limited to Cumberland County assistant prosecutors.

### *Faculty*

**Assistant Prosecutor Jeffrey Krachun** is a member of the Special Litigation Unit at the Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office. AP Krachun holds a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and English Literature, *magna cum laude* from William Patterson University and a J.D. from Washington and Lee University School of Law.

**Assistant Prosecutor Holly Fanelle** is the Team Leader of the Special Victims Unit at the Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office. She clerked for the Honorable Bernard DeLury, Presiding Judge, Criminal Part in Atlantic County. AP Fanelle holds a Bachelor's Degree in Law and Justice, with a minor in Sociology from Rowan University and a J.D. from Widener University

School of Law.

**Assistant Prosecutor April Zirkle** is a member of the Trial Team, Special Victims Unit, in the Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office. Prior to joining the Special Victims Unit team, she was a member of the Grand Jury/Pre-Indictment Unit. AP Zirkle clerked for the Honorable Harold U. Johnson Jr., Presiding Judge, Family Part in Cumberland County. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, with a minor in Criminal Justice from Monmouth University and a J.D. from Widener University School of Law.

***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 1.5 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 1.5 qualify as hours of credit toward certification in criminal trial law, 1.5 qualify as hours of credit towards newly admitted lawyers' requirements/criminal trial preparation, and 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.