



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

Investigating and Prosecuting Financial Crimes Against the Elderly and Retirees

**January 16, 2024
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

WEBINAR

Program Summary

This program will cover the most common financial scams that target the elderly and retirees. The presenter will discuss investigative strategies to “follow the money”, as well as the role of municipal police departments and local law enforcement agencies in pursuing those who perpetrate such crimes. The presenter will provide real-life examples of financial fraud against the elderly and retirees, detail how to identify when a financial crime is being committed and share strategies for avoiding victimization.

Eligibility

This program is open to County Prosecutors and Assistant Prosecutors, Deputy Attorneys General in the Department of Law and Public Safety’s Division of Criminal Justice and law enforcement officers in their respective offices.

Faculty

Assistant Prosecutor Christine Lopez serves in the Financial Crimes Unit of the Morris County Prosecutor’s Office. She investigates and litigates cases involving fraud, insurance fraud, and the financial exploitation of retired and elderly persons in Morris County. AP Lopez also represents the Morris County Prosecutor’s Office by providing community outreach at seminars on the financial exploitation of the elderly and retirees and business-related fraud. She previously served with the Union County Prosecutor’s Office and taught at Fairleigh Dickinson University. AP Lopez was a clerk for the Honorable Margaret Goodzeit, P.J. Ch. in Somerset County. She holds a B.A. in Psychology from Rutgers University, an M.A. in Translation and Translation Studies from the University of North Carolina – Charlotte, and a J.D. 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.

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.

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