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## PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

*The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present*

### Investigating School Incidents

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

### WEBINAR

#### *Program Summary*

This presentation will feature an assistant prosecutor and a detective who will identify school incidents, discuss how they investigate them and detail their experience prosecuting any juvenile or criminal charges that follow. The presenters will also share their experience investigating school incidents and the variety of considerations to be mindful of when handling them from inception through their potential court-involved disposition.

#### *Eligibility*

This program is open to County Prosecutors and Assistant Prosecutors, Assistant and 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*

**Tina DiFranco** is an Assistant Prosecutor at the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office, where she is head of the Forensic Services Unit. She is also assigned to the Special Victims and Appellate Units and the trial team. Prior to joining the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office, AP DiFranco was an associate at McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter. Before that, she received the Clifford Fellowship, in honor of former New Jersey Supreme Court Justice Robert L. Clifford, which afforded her the opportunity to summer at McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, and Clemente Mueller. AP DiFranco completed a judicial clerkship with the Honorable Peter J. Tober, J.S.C., now Presiding Criminal Judge of Vicinage 13. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Legal Studies, *magna cum laude*, from William Paterson University. She earned a J.D. at Seton Hall University School of Law, where she completed a judicial externship in the Appellate Division with the Honorable Thomas v. Manahan, J.A.D. (ret).

**William Svard** is a Detective First Class in the Criminal Investigations Unit of the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office. He investigates indictable criminal matters, including burglary, theft, motor vehicle collisions, homicides, and assaults. He is also detailed to the Juvenile Unit, where he oversees and investigates school incidents and juvenile offenses and serves as the Administrator of the Hunterdon Safe Schools App. DFC Svard is the Coordinator of the Hunterdon County Forensic Analysis Collision Team, a member of the Hunterdon County SWAT Team and the Hunterdon County Arson Task Force, and the Administrator of the Hunterdon County Crime Stoppers Program. DFC Svard was previously a detective sergeant and before that, a patrol officer with the Flemington Borough Police Department. His work in a municipal police department has provided DFC Svard with the background and knowledge to navigate the nuances of juvenile delinquency matters.

### *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 1.2 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.