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## PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

*The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present*

The DOL Basic Civil & Administrative Practice Series (“BCAP”)

### **Appellate Practice**

**April 17, 2024**

**1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

### **WEBINAR**

#### *Program Summary*

This presentation on State appellate practice will provide an overview of the rules governing civil appeals in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division and the Supreme Court of New Jersey, and their impact on the Division of Law’s appellate practice. Among the topics covered are motion practice, emergent and interlocutory review and the difference in jurisdiction between the Appellate Division and Supreme Court. The presenters will also address the Division’s appellate policies.

#### *Eligibility*

This program is mandatory for Division of Law Deputy Attorneys General hired after October 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*

**AAG Donna Arons** is a member of the Division of Law’s Appellate Practice Group. She previously served as Section Chief of the Education and Higher Education and Employment Counseling and Labor Sections of DOL. She has also served as a DAG in the Civil Rights and Treasury Sections, as Assistant Counsel in the Office of Counsel to the Governor and as a Special Assistant to the Commissioner of Education. AAG Arons began her legal career as a staff attorney in legal services, representing indigent clients in entitlement and housing cases. She completed a clerkship with the Honorable John F. Gerry, U.S.D.J. AAG Arons received an undergraduate

degree from Brandeis University and a J.D. from Harvard Law School.

**AAG Sookie Bae** is an AAG in the Division of Law's Appellate Practice Group. She was previously with Central Appellate Research in the Appellate Division, working first as a staff attorney and then as a Court Executive. In those roles, she provided counsel to the court on plenary appeals and summary disposition matters and managed the Complex Appeals Program. Before she joined the Judiciary, AAG Bae was a DAG in the Education and Higher Education Section in the Division of Law. She received a B.A. from New York University and a J.D. from the Rutgers University School of Law where she was a Managing Notes and Comments Editor of the Rutgers Computer and Technology Law Journal.

**AAG Sara Gregory** is a member of the Division of Law's Appellate Practice Group. She was previously the Assistant Section Chief of the Division of Law's Public Records Advice and Disputes Section, where she supervised OPRA advice, litigation, and administrative matters before the Government Records Council for clients throughout the State. Prior to joining the PRAD Section, she supervised statewide appeals as the Assistant Section Chief in the Department of Children and Families (DCF) Appeals Section of the Division of Law, where she successfully represented DCF in numerous appeals and arguments before both the Appellate Division and the New Jersey Supreme Court. AAG Gregory earned a B.A. from Rutgers University and a J.D. from Rutgers-Newark Law School and clerked for the Honorable Joseph L. Yannotti, P.J.A.D.

**AAG Janet Cohen** is a member of the Division of Law's Appellate Practice Group. She was previously a Court Executive in the Appellate Division. As a supervising attorney in Central Appellate Research, she provided counsel to the court on plenary appeals and summary disposition matters, managed the sua sponte program and trained new staff attorneys. Before she joined the Judiciary, AAG Cohen was a DAG in the Treasury Section in the Division of Law. She received a B.S. from the University of Maryland at College Park and a J.D. from the Rutgers University School of Law at Camden. She clerked for the Honorable Francine I. Axelrad, J.A.D. and completed an internship with the Honorable Joseph H. Rodriguez, U.S.D.J.

### *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.