



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

State Police Litigation – A Primer for DOL Deputies

**April 18, 2024
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex
Advocacy Institute Conference Center
Fourth Floor, West Wing
25 Market Street, Trenton, New Jersey**

Program Summary

This program will provide Division of Law litigation deputies with the information they need to know to prepare for cases involving the New Jersey State Police. The presenters will introduce a brief history of the Division, including its training requirements and organizational structure, with an emphasis on the State Police Office of Professional Standards. The instructors will then provide an overview of important case law, Attorney General Directives, and policies with which the Division is required to comply. They will also identify essential information, documentation, and resources that DOL deputies should know to assist them throughout the litigation process so that they are well prepared for both discovery and trial.

Eligibility

Attendance at this program is limited to assistant and deputy attorneys general in the Division of Law's Litigation Practice Group and the Division of Law's Labor & Employment Counseling and Law and Public Safety Sections.

Faculty

DAG Amanda Cluff is a member of the Legal Unit in the Office of Law Enforcement Professional Standards (OLEPS) in the New Jersey Department of Law & Public Safety. She oversees all State Police training related to consent decree matters; assists in developing, reviewing, and approving State Police policies and procedures, and provides legal advice to the State Police. DAG Cluff previously reviewed and ensured the legal sufficiency of State Police internal affairs matters and prepared State Police promotional materials for the Division of Administration, Office of General Counsel. She was also a hearing officer for the Department's employee disciplinary matters. Before joining LPS, DAG Cluff worked in private practice, focusing on civil defense and medical malpractice litigation. She clerked for the Hon. Anthony J. Graziano (ret.), Civil Division, Passaic County and holds a J.D. from Albany Law School.

DAG Stephanie Trotter is a member of the Legal Unit in the Office of Law Enforcement Professional Standards (OLEPS) in the New Jersey Department of Law & Public Safety. She oversees State Police training related to consent decree matters; assists in developing, reviewing, and approving State Police policies and procedures; and provides legal advice to the State Police. Prior to this position, she was assigned to the former State Police, Employment, and Corrections Section of the Division of Law, where she provided representation in defense of civil rights litigation and final agency appeals for the Division of State Police and the Department of Corrections. She also defended both agencies in employment matters, along with other State departments. DAG Trotter clerked for the Hon. Susan L. Claypoole in the Civil Division in Burlington County and holds a J.D. from Rutgers Law School (Camden).

CLE Credit

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Registration

Attorneys who are eligible to attend this program will receive registration instructions from the AGAI.