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## **PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT**

*The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present*

### **Abstention and the 10th and 11th Amendments**

**May 8, 2024  
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

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

**\* This program will also be simulcast as a webinar.**

#### *Program Summary*

This presentation will explore the various abstention doctrines with which federal court practitioners must be familiar and provide an overview of the immunities afforded State agencies and the State pursuant to the Tenth and Eleventh Amendments to the United States Constitution. The presenters will also discuss the leading United States Supreme Court opinions in these areas and provide practice points for civil motion practice employing these defenses.

#### *Eligibility*

This program is open to deputy and assistant attorneys general in the Department of Law and Public Safety and assistant county prosecutors.

#### *Faculty*

**AAG Michael C. Walters** is a Deputy Director in the Division of Law. He previously served as the Assistant Attorney General in Charge of Litigation. Prior to that position, he was the Section Chief of the Education & Higher Education Section, where he supervised the coordination and development of litigation strategy for representing the New Jersey Department of Education and New Jersey colleges and universities. He has briefed and argued cases involving a wide range of issues before the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, the New Jersey

Appellate Division and the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. He began his career as a law clerk for The Honorable Myron H. Gottlieb, J.S.C and holds a Juris Doctor from Rutgers Law School.

**AAG Daniel M. Vannella** is an Assistant Attorney General with the Litigation Practice Group in the Division of Law. Prior to that, he was the Chief of the Tort Litigation & Judiciary Section, as well as a deputy and then an Assistant Chief with the Corrections & State Police Section. He has argued before the Supreme Court of New Jersey, the Third Circuit, and the Appellate Division, and defended five jury trials before the U.S. District of New Jersey. AAG Vannella previously worked for the Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office, in private practice, and as a law clerk for the Honorable Richard J. Geiger, J.S.C. He obtained his B.A., *magna cum laude*, from The College of New Jersey, and his J.D. from William & Mary Law School, where he served as Managing Editor of the *William & Mary Law Review*.

### ***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 2.0 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

**PA CLE Credit:** 1.5 substantive credits (\$3.00 mandatory registration fee required).

### ***Registration***

Attorneys who are eligible to attend this program should fill out the registration form linked in the live program announcement email.