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## PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

*The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present*

### **The New Jersey Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor's World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD)**

#### **Connecting With Our Communities To Combat Elder Fraud and Abuse**

**June 5, 2024  
1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.**

#### **WEBINAR**

##### *Program Summary*

This presentation will provide attendees with tools and strategies to enhance their ability to recognize and address fraud and abuse committed against vulnerable senior citizens. The presenters will discuss the types, signs and risk factors for elder fraud and abuse. The presenters will also address how to report elder fraud and abuse, and strategies for preventing mistreatment and fostering protection of senior citizens.

##### *Eligibility*

This program is open to members of the public as part of the Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor's World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) initiative, including attorneys in the Department of Law and Public Safety and county prosecutors' offices.

##### *Faculty*

**DAG Michael A. Klein** is the Assistant Bureau Chief of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit inside the Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor, where he supervises the prosecution of crimes involving Medicaid Fraud, the Health Care Claims Act, the False Claims Act, and elder abuse, both physical and financial. He previously served in the Division of Criminal Justice's Gangs and Organized Crimes Bureau. Prior to joining the Gangs/OC Bureau, DAG Klein was a member of

the Volunteer Associates in Public Service Program, where he worked with the Division of Criminal Justice's Gangs and Organized Crimes and Prosecutor Supervision and Training Bureaus. He teaches classes on narcotics and firearms issues and courtroom testimony for law enforcement officers for the Division of Criminal Justice and the New Jersey State Police. Prior to joining the Division of Criminal Justice, DAG Klein was an associate at the law firm of Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith and Davis in Woodbridge, New Jersey, where he concentrated on commercial litigation. He received a B.A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a J.D. from New York University School of Law.

**Joseph Jaruszewski** is a Lieutenant in the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit of the Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor. He has over 25 years of experience in Medicaid fraud and elder abuse investigations. Prior to joining the Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor, he worked for the New Jersey Office of Attorney Ethics. Lt. Jaruszewski received a Bachelor of Arts in Russian Studies from the University of Pennsylvania and a J.D. from Seton Hall University School of Law.

**Laurie Facciarossa Brewer** is New Jersey's Long-Term Care Ombudsman. She heads the NJ Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman (LTCO), which advocates for residents of long-term care facilities by investigating allegations of abuse, neglect and exploitation. As Ombudsman, she has helped advance policy and legislation to reform the State's long-term care system in the wake of the COVID-19 public health emergency, successfully lobbied for an LGBTQI+ Senior Bill of Rights and created a federally funded Social Isolation Project designed to address the needs of residents in long-term care facilities hardest hit by the COVID-19 crisis. Ms. Facciarossa Brewer previously served as the LTCO Chief of Staff, overseeing a dramatic increase in the LTCO Volunteer Advocate Program, obtaining federal funding to help transition people out of nursing homes, and streamlining the intake and investigations process to improve LTCO response times. Ms. Facciarossa Brewer has also served as Director of Communications for the New Jersey Department of the Public Advocate, Director of Public Affairs for the New Jersey Department of Human Services, and Deputy Project Manager for Health Care Reform in the DHS Division of Medical and Health Services. She is a graduate of Rowan University.

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

### ***Registration***

Those who would like to attend should use the Zoom webinar registration hyperlink in the program announcement email or WEAAD flyer. Those who are registered will receive a confirmation email with a webinar link. Please save that link – it is required to access the program.

**Attorneys seeking continuing legal education (CLE) credit must download Zoom before the webinar in order for the AGAI to record attendance verification polling responses.**

The AGAI will be unable to verify attendance or grant CLE credit to attorneys who have not downloaded Zoom before the webinar or used a shared attendance link.