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## **PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT**

*The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present*

### **Litigating Cases with *Pro Se* Litigants**

**August 14, 2024  
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

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

#### ***Program Summary***

What's your first thought when you get a 20-page handwritten complaint that is not only illegible, but unintelligible? How do you respond to citations from the Bible, Magna Carta, and the Declaration of Independence? If a *pro se* litigant calls the office and wants to speak with you, what do you do? This program will cover how to handle the myriad of issues that arise when you are assigned matters involving *pro se* litigants. The presenter will offer practical tips on brief writing and communicating with your adversary and the court. This program will also give you the tools and strategies to confidently handle and resolve these matters.

#### ***Eligibility***

Attendance at this program is limited to assistant and deputy attorneys general in the Division of Law's Litigation Practice and Trenton Administrative Practice Groups.

#### ***Faculty***

**DAG Barbara Berreski** is an Assistant Section Chief in the Tort Litigation and Judiciary Section of the New Jersey Department of Law & Public Safety's Division of Law. She started her career at DOL as a line deputy in the Tort Section, and has served in the Employment and Labor &

Community Affairs Sections, as well as in the Office of the Attorney General's Office of Legislative Affairs. DAG Berreski has also worked in Government Relations for the New Jersey Association of State Colleges & Universities. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Communications from the University of Pennsylvania, a Juris Doctor from Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law and a Master's Degree in Non-Profit/Public/Organizational Management from the University of Pennsylvania.

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

### ***Registration***

Attorneys who are eligible to attend this program should fill out the registration form accessed through the registration email hyperlink.