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## **PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT**

*The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present*

### **Civil Jury Trial Preparation in 15 Steps**

**August 28, 2024**

**11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

### **WEBINAR**

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

This program will explore how to efficiently and effectively prepare for a civil jury trial. The presenter will condense trial preparation into fifteen steps, beginning with the closing argument and the verdict sheet. These steps will serve as a guide for preparing everything leading up to the closing, including the opening statement, direct and cross examination, client and witnesses preparation, motions *in limine*, and motions to dismiss at the end of plaintiff's case.

#### ***Eligibility***

This program is designed for attorneys in the Division of Law. However, it is open to all deputy and assistant attorneys general in the Department of Law and Safety.

#### ***Faculty***

**DAG Brian Hunkins** is a member of the Tort Litigation and Judiciary Section of the Division of Law. He prepares tort cases for trial, including conducting investigations, answering interrogatories, preparing witnesses for depositions, deposing opposing witnesses, consulting experts, deposing experts, and drafting dispositive motions. Before joining DOL, DAG Hunkins was a defense litigator for 28 years, primarily concentrating in medical malpractice defense. He tried 28 cases to verdict. DAG Hunkins holds an undergraduate degree from Rutgers College and a J.D. from Rutgers Law School, Camden.

### ***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, 1.2 qualify as hours of credit toward certification in civil trial law, 1.5 qualify as hours of credit towards newly admitted lawyers' requirements/criminal or civil trial preparation, and 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.