



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

Trial Issues and Preparation

**October 8, 2024
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

WEBINAR

Program Summary

This course will provide a primer on trial preparation, including a framework for the steps necessary to get a case ready for trial. The presenters will discuss the challenges that frequently arise during trial preparation, common objections and how to overcome them and provide a brief overview of some common trial issues, including motions to bar experts, late discovery, and motions for mistrial.

Eligibility

This program is mandatory for new assistant prosecutors and Division of Criminal Justice deputies hired after October 2023 who have been selected to attend by each county prosecutor's office and the Division of Criminal Justice. Other assistant prosecutors and Division of Criminal Justice deputies are welcome to register.

Faculty

DAG Heather Hausleben is a member of the Division of Criminal Justice's Trial Bureau, where she oversees and participates in trials across the Division's bureaus and handles complex cases. She was previously the Deputy Chief of the Office of Public Integrity and Accountability's Corruption Bureau, where she oversaw the investigation and prosecution of crimes committed by and involving public officials. Before serving in OPIA, DAG Hausleben was assigned to the Gangs and Organized Crimes Bureau of the Division of Criminal Justice, handling cases involving racketeering, distribution of controlled dangerous substances, weapons offenses, and human trafficking. Following her graduation from law school, she served as a law clerk for Camden County Superior Court Judge Samuel Natal. DAG Hausleben holds a Bachelor's of Arts in Philosophy from the University of South Florida and a Juris Doctor from Seton Hall Law School.

Danielle R. Grootenboer is a Senior Assistant Prosecutor in the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office, where she serves as an SAP for complex cases and supervises assistant prosecutors in homicide and other difficult cases. She previously served as Chief of the BCPO's Narcotics Task Force, Domestic Violence Unit and Homicide Squad and worked in the Major Crimes Unit and Grand Jury and Trial Sections. Senior Assistant Prosecutor Grootenboer has tried over one hundred jury trials, most of which have been complex first-degree cases, including homicides. She is currently the head of the BCPO CLE Program. She has conducted in-service programs for the BCPO, instructed police recruits, provided training to municipal police officers on Fourth Amendment issues and served as faculty for the New Jersey Attorney General's Advanced Domestic Violence and Top Gun Programs. In 2019, the County Prosecutors Association of New Jersey recognized Senior Assistant Prosecutor Grootenboer for outstanding advocacy over a career. She also received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the New Jersey Women in Law Enforcement. Senior Assistant Prosecutor Grootenboer holds a Bachelor's of Arts in Political Science and French, *cum laude*, from Fordham University and a Juris Doctor from Seton Hall Law School, where she was the Notes & Surveys Editor for the Seton Hall Legislative Journal.

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, 2.0 qualify as hours of credit toward certification in criminal trial law, 2.0 qualify as hours of credit towards newly admitted lawyers' requirements/criminal 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.