



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

Assistance Animals: Navigating the Rights of People with Disabilities

**December 5, 2024
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

WEBINAR

Program Summary

In New Jersey, housing providers, employers, and places of public accommodation are required to modify or make exceptions to their policies governing animals in order to accommodate people with disabilities. This program will cover the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination's provisions governing assistance animals. Through case studies and discussion, students will learn about the rights and obligations under the law regarding service and emotional support animals. The presenters will also discuss some of most frequently asked questions the Division on Civil Rights receives about assistance animals.

Eligibility

This program is open to attorneys in the Department of Law and Public Safety and county prosecutors' offices.

Faculty

Scott Hirschfeld is the Lead Curriculum Specialist for the New Jersey Division on Civil Rights' Education and Training Unit. Before joining DCR, Mr. Hirschfeld served as Senior Director of Education and Youth Engagement for UNICEF USA, Director of Curriculum and Training for the Anti-Defamation League, and Director of Education for the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN). In these roles, he managed the development of learning resources and programs on diversity, anti-bias, social justice, and global learning topics. Mr. Hirschfeld began his career in the New York City public school system, where he was an elementary and middle school teacher. He holds an M.S. in Elementary Education and an M.Ed. in Educational Leadership from Bank Street College of Education.

Shanel Lewis is an Education and Training Specialist in the New Jersey Division on Civil Rights, where she develops, coordinates and conducts training that promotes the Division's mission of preventing bias and discrimination. She has spent her career working to prevent bias by educating on and building awareness of topics that advance equity. Before joining DCR, Ms. Lewis worked in youth violence prevention in the state of Virginia. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and Criminal Justice and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Old Dominion 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 1.8 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 1.8 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism in the Diversity, Inclusion, and Elimination of Bias category.

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.