



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

Civil Case Intake and Evaluation

April 3, 2025

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 happens after a case file lands on a deputy's desk? This program will provide deputies with an overview of how to evaluate a civil case, including contacting, communicating with and following up with the client, identifying and obtaining necessary information, developing an effective litigation strategy, and tips for dealing with difficult clients.

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 David Burns serves in the Tort Litigation and Judiciary Section of the Division of Law. He defends the State and other public entities in claims of wrongful death and catastrophic injury and prosecutes judicial removal trials before the New Jersey Supreme Court. Prior to joining the Division of Law, he was a partner at Lacovara and Burns, LLC where he represented plaintiffs in personal injury law suits. DAG Burns was a law clerk to the Honorable J. Gilbert Van Sciver, Jr., P.J.S.C., Law Division - Burlington County. He earned a B.S. in Accounting, *summa cum laude*, from Saint Joseph's University and a J.D., *cum laude*, from Rutgers School of Law, 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, 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

PA CLE Credit: 1.0 substantive credit (\$1.50 mandatory registration fee required).

Registration

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