



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

**Proof Positive: Build Your Evidence, Get it Admitted, and
Withstand an Appeal**

April 7, 2025

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

Program Summary

This program will provide an overview of fundamentals, helpful tips, and new developments in the areas of discovery and evidence. The program will assist DAsG with preparing evidence and ensuring its admission at trial, both for fact findings and guardianships. The program will also cover how to build the record to withstand appeal. The presenters will discuss the new rule regarding statements against interest and how it impacts a case, embedded hearsay, how to obtain and admit criminal records, and procedures regarding judicial notice.

Eligibility

This program is only open to Deputy and Assistant Attorneys General in the Division of Law's DCF practice group.

Faculty

DAG Lisa Cerasia is an Assistant Section Chief in the DCF Metro Section of the Division of Law (DOL), supervising DAsG in Essex North, Newark Center City and South local offices. Before joining DOL, DAG Cerasia was a commercial litigator at Shea & Gould, and then in-house counsel at Shearson Lehman Bros. and later at UBS Financial Services. She graduated *summa cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa from Hunter College and earned her J.D. from Fordham University School of Law, where she was a Law Review staff member.

DAG Danielle DiSanto is a member of the DCF Essex Section, where she handles protective services and guardianship cases. She also managed cases under the FC docket. She completed a clerkship with the Honorable Mary K. White, J.S.C. DAG DiSanto holds a Bachelor of Arts from Arcadia University, a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from St. Joseph's University, and a Juris Doctor from Rutgers-Camden Law School.

DAG Holly Manuelian is a member of the DCF Metro Section and litigates both FN and FG matters. Prior to joining the Division of Law, DAG Manuelian was a Professor of Criminal Justice at Seton Hall University, teaching a variety of courses including Criminal Procedure and Evidence. She was also an Assistant District Attorney in the Bronx District Attorney's Office and practiced privately in the areas of commercial litigation and personal injury defense. She graduated from Quinnipiac University School of Law and received her undergraduate degree from Seton Hall 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 1.2 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

PA CLE Credit: 1.0 credits (\$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.