



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

Civil Firearms Litigation and Tort Law under the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act (PLCAA)

**March 11, 2025
1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.**

WEBINAR

***Note: This webinar will be simulcast from a live program.**

Program Summary

This program will detail the logistics of bringing an affirmative civil action against a member of the firearms industry, and the federal and state law issues that arise in such cases. The presenter will also address how affirmative firearms litigation is situated within traditional tort law, and the costs and tradeoffs associated with the department's national approach to such litigation.

Eligibility

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

Faculty

AAG Ravi Ramanathan is Director of the Statewide Affirmative Firearms Enforcement (SAFE) Office in the Department of Law & Public Safety. SAFE is a first-in-the-nation office which is authorized to bring civil enforcement actions against gun industry members that knowingly or recklessly contribute to a public nuisance in New Jersey through unlawful or unreasonable conduct. AAG Ramanathan previously served as the Director of Investigations at the Office of the State Comptroller, leading its Investigations Division and its efforts to detect and uncover waste, fraud, and abuse of taxpayer dollars in state and local government. Prior to joining the Comptroller's Office, AAG Ramanathan worked in the New York office of Jenner & Block,

handling criminal and civil enforcement matters, investigations, and compliance reviews. He clerked for the Honorable José Cabranes of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals and the Honorable Denise Cote of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. AAG Ramanathan obtained a J.D. from Yale Law School and an A.B., *magna cum laude*, from Brown University.

CLE Credit

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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.

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