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## **PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT**

*The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present*

### **Human Trafficking - Modern Day Slavery Identifying, Investigating, and Prosecuting Crimes in New Jersey**

**April 24, 2025  
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

## **WEBINAR**

### ***Program Summary***

New Jersey has been described as a prime location for Human Trafficking, which is modern day slavery, human rights abuse, and a multi-billion-dollar criminal enterprise. Although New Jersey had a human trafficking statute for over a decade, the 2013 enactment of the Human Trafficking Prevention, Protection and Treatment Act (HTPPTA) reflected the State's resolve to address outstanding gaps in the previous law. Among its successes, the HTPPTA created new rights for victims, empowered law enforcement, and emphasized training as a valuable tool for the detection and prevention of human trafficking. This presentation will provide an overview of the HTPPTA; an outline of how to approach investigations and prosecutions; and a summary of New Jersey's efforts at combatting human trafficking.

### ***Eligibility***

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

### ***Faculty***

**DAG Karen Bornstein** is a member of the Division of Criminal Justice, Human Trafficking and Victim-Centered Crimes Bureau. DAG Bornstein previously served in the Gangs and Organized Crimes and the Major Threats Bureaus. Prior to joining DCJ, DAG Bornstein worked for 16 years at the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office, in various units including the Special Victims Unit and

the Narcotics Task Force. DAG Bornstein has successfully prosecuted hundreds of cases and she has tried 25 trials to verdict, including the first guilty verdict in Hudson County for a Jessica Lunsford offense. DAG Bornstein earned both her B.A. and J.D. from Villanova University.

**DAG Gloria Rispoli** is a member of the Division of Criminal Justice, Human Trafficking and Victim-Centered Crimes Bureau. The Bureau raises awareness of human trafficking and trains law enforcement in best practices to disrupt it. It also coordinates statewide efforts to identify victims, provide services, and facilitate the successful prosecution of offenders. Prior to this position, DAG Rispoli was an Assistant Prosecutor in Warren County, serving in the Special Victims Unit and Narcotics Task Force, prosecuting cases involving adult and child sexual assault, child physical abuse, human trafficking, narcotics trafficking, and weapons offenses. She also served as Warren County's Human Trafficking Liaison. DAG Rispoli started her career as an Assistant Prosecutor in Morris County, where she was assigned to various units, including Domestic Violence, General Investigations, and Sex Crimes/Child Endangerment. She holds a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Providence College and a J.D. from Roger Williams University School of Law.

### ***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, 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.**

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