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## PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

*The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present*

### **Prosecuting Bias Crimes**

**May 8, 2025**

**1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

### **WEBINAR**

#### *Program Summary*

The Attorney General and County Prosecutors play an important role in eliminating bias and combatting hate by investigating and prosecuting bias crimes. This presentation will address the New Jersey bias intimidation statute, the difference between a bias incident and a bias crime, and the role of bias crimes units in the Division of Criminal Justice and county prosecutors' offices. The presenter will discuss relevant cases and provide hypotheticals to deepen students' understanding of bias crimes.

#### *Eligibility*

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

#### *Faculty*

**DAG Amy Sieminski** is the Deputy Bureau Chief of the Bias and Environmental Crimes Bureaus at the Office of the Attorney General, Division of Criminal Justice. She joined the office in 2013, and has prosecuted all manner of crimes across the State, including racketeering, money laundering, weapons and narcotics trafficking, official misconduct, cyber, financial, and environmental crimes, and most recently, crimes motivated by bias and hate. She works closely with law enforcement from the Division of Criminal Justice, the New Jersey State Police, and the Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness. In her current role, she helped launch the Attorney General's "No Hate in the Garden State" public awareness campaign and corresponding website. She clerked for the Honorable Rudolf Filko, Assignment Judge in Passaic County. She is a graduate of Seton Hall University-School of Law and The College of New Jersey.

### ***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.