



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

Executive Branch Ethics Requirements for LPS Employees

May 15, 2025

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

WEBINAR

Program Summary

This program will examine State government executive branch ethics requirements, with an emphasis on ethics issues that affect Department of Law and Public Safety employees. The program will cover the Conflicts of Interest Law, N.J.S.A. 52:13D-12 et seq., ethics rules, N.J.A.C.19:6.1 et seq., the Uniform Ethics Code and ethics-related executive orders. The presenters will discuss additional ethics requirements from the Department of Law and Public Safety Supplementary Ethics Code, illustrated with case studies from LPS that address common ethics dilemmas.

Eligibility

This program is open to all employees in the Department of Law and Public Safety.

Faculty

AAG Melissa Liebermann is the Department of Law & Public Safety's Chief Ethics & Compliance Officer. She provides ethics advice and counsel to department employees on the application of the Conflicts of Interest Law, the Uniform Ethics Code, the LPS Supplementary Ethics Code, the Rules of Professional Conduct and other ethics standards. AAG Liebermann was previously Chief of Staff and Counsel to the Attorney General. Before joining LPS, she served in the Office of the State Comptroller as Chief of Staff and Deputy State Comptroller, where she oversaw audits of government programs and investigations of government employee misconduct. Prior to working for the OSC, AAG Liebermann was an Assistant Counsel to the Governor and a litigation associate at a large New Jersey law firm. AAG Liebermann began her legal career as a Deputy Attorney General in the Division of Law, representing the Division of Consumer Affairs. She clerked for J.A.D. Philip S. Carchman (ret.). She holds a B.A. in Political Science from Tufts University and a J.D. with honors from Rutgers School of Law-Newark.

DAG Regan Barbetti serves in the Department of Law & Public Safety's Office of Ethics and Compliance. Before joining LPS, she was the Ethics Compliance Officer and a legal specialist for the New Jersey State Ethics Commission. Prior to her State service, DAG Barbetti was a partner at the law firm of Goldstein Bachman & Newman, where she practiced family law. She worked at the law firm of Graham Curtin in Morristown and began her legal career at Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker in Newark. DAG Barbetti clerked for Presiding Judge E. David Millard in Ocean County. She holds a B.S. in Administration from Villanova University and a J.D. from Seton Hall Law School.

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 2.3 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 2.3 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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