



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS: THE PLAYERS AND THE GAME

August 6, 2019
2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
R.J. Hughes Justice Complex
4th Floor Conference Room A
Trenton, New Jersey

NOTICE REGARDING COURSE MATERIALS

You will receive the course materials approximately forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date of the course. The materials will be contained in an email attachment.

Program Summary

This presentation and panel discussion will review the components of how a bill becomes a law in New Jersey and identify the key players in the legislative process. The panelists will discuss significant legislative measures enacted into law to illustrate how the process works and examine the roles of the players who are involved.

Who Should Attend?

This program is only open to Deputy Attorneys General and Assistant Attorneys General within the Department of Law and Public Safety. If you are not a DAG or an AAG within the Department of Law and Public Safety, please do not attempt to register for this program.

Who Is the Faculty?

AAG B. Stephan Finkel is the Director of Legislative Affairs for the Attorney General. He has supervised the Legislative Affairs Unit during the tenure of twelve prior Attorneys General. AAG Finkel has worked on bills and initiatives on subjects critical to the mission and operation of the Department, including human trafficking, insurance fraud, sex offenders, domestic violence, child pornography, prisoner reentry, juvenile justice, firearms, internet safety, bail reform, consumer protection, civil rights, official corruption and election reform. AAG Finkel previously served in the Division of Law in the JUA Litigation/Insurance Section. He received his law degree from

Villanova University School of Law, graduating *cum laude* and holds a B.A. in psychology from Franklin and Marshall College.

Robert Garrenger, Esq. is the Governor's Senior Special Counsel – Finance. Mr. Garrenger serves as a member of the Governor's budget team and oversees the legal sufficiency of the structure and contents of the annual State budget. Mr. Garrenger has served in various legal positions in the Office of the Governor, including Senior Associate Counsel, Deputy Chief Counsel, Assistant Counsel, and Special Budget Counsel. Mr. Garrenger commenced his State service as a Deputy Attorney General in the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety. As a DAG, Mr. Garrenger represented the State of New Jersey and various State officials, including the Governor and the State Treasurer, in a variety of civil litigation. Prior to his service in State government, Mr. Garrenger worked as an associate in the Washington, D.C. firm of Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan, LLP, and served as a law clerk to the Honorable John C. Lifland of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. Mr. Garrenger received his Bachelor of Arts degree, *cum laude*, from Yale University, and earned his Juris Doctor degree, *cum laude*, from the University of Michigan Law School.

Kate McDonnell, Esq. is Deputy Chief Counsel to Governor Philip D. Murphy. She previously served as General Counsel to the Assembly Majority Office for eight years. Prior to becoming General Counsel, she was an Associate General Counsel in the Assembly Majority Office, where she worked in a variety of policy areas. McDonnell is a *magna cum laude* graduate of the University of Notre Dame and holds both a J.D. from the Rutgers School of Law, Camden and a Master's Degree from Rutgers New Brunswick's Bloustein School of Policy and Planning.

AAG Amy E. Melick is a member of the Attorney General's Legislative Affairs Staff, where she handles a broad array of matters related to the Department's mission. Prior to joining the Department, AAG Melick worked in the Office of Legislative Services. She has also served on mobility assignment as Deputy Chief Counsel in the Office of the Governor. During that time, she served as a member of the State House Commission on behalf of the Governor for four years. AAG Melick holds an undergraduate degree from Wellesley College and a law degree from Seton Hall University School of Law.

CLE Credit

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PA CLE Credit: 1.0 Substantive Credit (\$1.50 registration fee required).

How Do I Register?

State Employees

Most State employees are able to register for this course by going to <http://reg2.dcj.lps.state.nj.us/lpcreg/login.aspx?portalid=2> and creating an AGAI Course Registration account. To do so, your computer **must** be attached to the government's Garden State Network. Upon opening the AGAI Course Registration System home page, you will see the Create Account link in the Login Box. Click on it and create your account, which will include you selecting a user name and password. Once you create your account, you can access the AGAI Course Registration System at <http://reg2.dcj.lps.state.nj.us/lpcreg/login.aspx?portalid=2> to register for future courses or to manage your account. Please retain your user name and password for your records.