



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

OPRA for Prosecutors

June 6, 2024

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

WEBINAR

Program Summary

New Jersey's Open Public Records Law (OPRA, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.) governs public access to records maintained by government agencies in New Jersey. This course is designed to familiarize prosecutors with OPRA and how it relates to criminal records requests. The presenter will provide an overview of OPRA, including statutory obligations, requests made under the common law, and relevant case law. She will address which records are typically available to the public, which are exempt, and what information is typically redacted. Students will gain a basic understanding of OPRA and its requirements, and receive practical guidance for drafting documents such as complaints and indictments.

Eligibility

This program is open to Deputy and Assistant Attorneys General in the Department of Law and Public Safety's Division of Criminal Justice and County Prosecutors and Assistant Prosecutors.

Faculty

DAG Jana Robinson is a member of the Department of Law & Public Safety's (LPS) Office of the Insurance Prosecutor (OIFP). She prosecutes cases involving private insurance fraud and serves as OIFP's Open Public Records Act (OPRA) Counsel. She began her career with LPS in the Division of Criminal Justice's Appellate Bureau, where she litigated complex legal issues of statewide significance. She also served as OPRA Counsel to DCJ and the Shooting Response Team (now the Office of Public Integrity's Fatal Police Encounter Bureau). Prior to joining LPS, DAG Robinson interned with the Forensics Unit of the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office, worked at the founding office of the Innocence Project in New York, and served as a psychological consultant in a wrongful imprisonment suit in the N.Y. Court of Claims. She graduated *magna*

cum laude from Colgate University and earned an M.A. from Fordham University in psychology, with a forensic specialization. She holds a J.D. from William & Mary School of Law and clerked for the Hon. Peter E. Warshaw, Jr., P.J.Cr.

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 1.2 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.

The AGAI will be unable to verify attendance or grant CLE credit to students who have not downloaded Zoom before the webinar.