



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

Asset Forfeiture: Taking the Profit Out of Crime

**April 22, 2025
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

WEBINAR

Program Summary

This program will cover the goals, investigation, and prosecution of civil forfeitures. Participants will learn how to identify the proceeds and instrumentalities of criminal activity and develop probable cause to seize it. The presenter will also provide an overview of forfeiture litigation, from filing a complaint to obtaining a judgment.

Eligibility

This presentation is intended for those that deal with civil forfeiture; it is open to County Prosecutors and Assistant Prosecutors and Deputy Attorneys General in the Department of Law and Public Safety's Division of Criminal Justice.

Faculty

DAG Andre R Araujo is assigned to the Frauds & Forfeiture Bureau of the Division of Criminal Justice, where he handles forfeitures for the State. Prior to joining DCJ, DAG Araujo was an Assistant Prosecutor in Cumberland County, where he handled forfeiture, post-conviction appeals, CJRA appeals, special litigation, and caselaw update training. DAG Araujo holds a J.D. from Rutgers School of Law in Camden, and clerked for the Honorable Harold U. Johnson, Jr., P.J.F.P. (retired) in Vicinage XV.

DAG Michael Sullivan is assigned to the Frauds & Forfeiture Bureau of the Division of Criminal Justice, where he handles forfeitures for the State. Prior to joining DCJ, DAG Sullivan served as the Forfeiture and Civil Remedies Assistant Prosecutor with the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office, handling forfeiture, OPRA, civil litigation and other special projects. DAG Sullivan previously worked in private practice, as an in-house attorney at FanDuel Sportsbook and as an

associate at Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC. DAG Sullivan also served in the Governor's Counsel's Office under Governor Christie. He earned his B.A. in Political Science and Criminal Justice from West Chester University and his J.D. from Valparaiso 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 1.2 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 1.2 qualify as hours of credit toward certification in criminal trial law, and 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.