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## **PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT**

*The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present*

### **The Budget Cycle**

**April 30, 2025**

**1:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.**

**Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex  
Advocacy Institute Conference Center  
Fourth Floor, West Wing  
25 Market Street, Trenton, New Jersey**

**\*Note: This program will also be simulcast as a webinar.**

#### ***Program Summary***

This presentation covers the State's budget cycle from the creation of the Governor's Annual Budget Message to the Legislature's enactment of the Annual Appropriations Act. The presenters will discuss the significance of the budget to the conduct of State government; the history of the constitutional provisions governing the State's fiscal structure and the key players in the process. They will also cover the four requirements of the constitutional mandate; what happens if an annual appropriations act is not enacted by the beginning of the fiscal year; recent case law involving challenges to budgetary actions; and the current fiscal challenges facing the State.

#### ***Eligibility***

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

#### ***Faculty***

**Robert Garrenger, Esq.** serves as the Governor's Senior Special Counsel. Mr. Garrenger works closely with the Governor's senior staff and the State Treasurer to implement the Governor's fiscal priorities, and oversees the legal sufficiency of the structure and contents of the annual State budget. He has served in various legal positions in the Office of the Governor, including Deputy

Chief Counsel, Special Budget Counsel, and Acting Chief Counsel. Before joining the Governor's Office, Mr. Garrenger served as a Deputy Attorney General and an Assistant Attorney General in the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, representing the State and various State officials, including the Governor and the State Treasurer, in a variety of civil litigation. He previously 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 a Bachelor of Arts degree, cum laude, from Yale University, and a J.D., cum laude, from the University of Michigan Law School.

**AAG Kavin K. Mistry** is a Deputy Director in the Department of Law & Public Safety's Division of Law. AAG Mistry assists with budget/appropriations questions, public finance matters, matters involving the Division of Taxation, the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency, and supervises matters concerning the Community Health Care Assets Protection Act and charitable estates and trusts. AAG Mistry also represents the New Jersey Building Authority and the New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority. He was previously an Assistant Attorney General in the Financial Affairs Practice Group, where he counseled the State and State agencies on public finance matters and represented the State and State agencies as issuer's counsel on bond and note financings. Prior to his appointment as an AAG, he served as an Assistant Section Chief and a Deputy Attorney General assigned to public finance in the former Treasury Section. AAG Mistry received a B.A. from Rutgers, The State University and a J.D. from Rutgers School of Law-Camden.

### *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 2.5 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

**PA CLE Credit:** 2.0 Substantive Credits (\$3.00 mandatory registration fee required).

### *Registration*

Attorneys who are eligible to attend this program should fill out the registration form linked in the live program announcement email.

### *Agenda*

- History of the Budget Process: 1:00 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.
- Budget Calendar: 1:20 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.
- Constitutional Mandate Part 1 – Appropriation Required: 1:40 p.m. – 1:55 p.m.
- BREAK: 1:55 p.m. – 2:05 p.m.
- Constitutional Mandate Part 2 – Single Act, Single Fiscal Year: 2:05 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.
- Constitutional Mandate Part 3 – Balanced Budget: 2:20 p.m. – 2:35 p.m.
- Constitutional Mandate Part 4 – Line Item Veto: 2:35 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.
- No Budget Scenario: 2:50 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.
- Q&A: 3:10 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.