

# **Maintaining Attorney Trust and Business Accounts**

**Monday, April 29, 2024** | **5:00 p.m. - 7:05 p.m.** (Eastern time) **Rutgers Law School - Zoom** 

This program will cover the key requirements of the New Jersey Court Rules and the Rules of Professional Conduct with respect to handling client funds, maintaining attorney trust, business and fiduciary accounts and the required recordkeeping. This will be done by providing a first-hand view of the audit process, red flags and how to avoid issues during an audit.

### Topics include:

- The recordkeeping requirements as per NJ Court Rule 1:21-6 and RPC 1.15
- Random audit procedures and findings
- Common recordkeeping problems
- Disciplinary audit procedures and findings
- Trust Overdraft Program
- Overview of disciplinary process

### **Speakers:**

Alison Picione, Chief of Investigations, Office of Attorney Ethics Jason Saunders, First Assistant Ethics Counsel, Office of Attorney Ethics

**CLE Credit**: 2.5 NJ (includes 1.2 ethics) | 2.5 NY (includes 2.5 ethics) | 2.0 PA (includes 2.0 ethics) See page 2 of announcement for CLE details.

**CLE Registration Fee: \$50** 

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**Format:** Faculty in room with participants.

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