

## **CRIMINAL EXPUNGEMENT LAW IN NEW JERSEY**

**October 11, 2017 | 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

**Rutgers Law School | 217 North Fifth Street | Camden, NJ 08102**

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This program focuses on the nuts and bolts of preparing the necessary paperwork to file an expungement petition under the New Jersey Criminal Expungement Law. The law and process to obtain an expungement is complicated. Since the rules demand strict adherence to very technical requirements, the program will provide guidance as to how to avoid mistakes in preparing and filing an expungement petition. This course is also valuable for any attorney seeking an overview of the expungement process and is designed to offer a focused and practical explanation to practitioners on how to prepare and process an expungement petition. Topics include:

- Expungement defined
- Eligibility requirements
- Representing your client: RPC's, fees, interview, investigation, Ineffective Assistance of Counsel
- Completing the expungement petition
- Developments in case law

### **Faculty:**

**Cheryl Hendler Cohen, Esq.**, retired from the Camden County Prosecutor's Office as an Assistant Prosecutor after 26 years of service. She then spent several years in private practice specializing in both criminal defense in the Superior Court and municipal courts throughout New Jersey and Expungement Law with Costello and Whitmore, Attorneys at Law, PC, a general practice firm located in Marlton, New Jersey. Presently, Ms. Cohen limits her private practice to representing individuals seeking to obtain an expungement. Also, Ms. Cohen is a municipal prosecutor in several municipalities throughout Burlington County.

**William Staas, Esq.**, is the Section Chief of the Civil Litigation/Records Management Unit of the Camden County Prosecutors Office. Mr. Staas serves as the OPRA Custodian, and has previously served as the Deputy Section Chief of the Major Crimes Unit and Trial Team Unit. Mr. Staas is an instructor with both the Camden County Police Academy, and the Division of Criminal Justice. He also teaches various CLE programs.

**CLE Credit Hours: NJ: 2.4 (1.2 ethics) | NY: 2.0 (1.0 ethics) | PA: 2.0 (1.0 ethics)**

**NJ CLE Information:** This program has been approved by the Board on Continuing Legal Education of the Supreme Court of New Jersey for 2.4 hours of total CLE credit including 1.2 hours of ethics. This program also qualifies for 1.2 hours of credit for NJ criminal trial preparation for NJ newly admitted lawyers.

**Registration Fee: \$50**

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