

MCANJ - FREE LEGAL DEFENSE FUND SEMINAR

January 22, 2025 - 10:00am to 3:00pm

Acacia Youth Center, 95 Port Reading Ave, Woodbridge, NJ

Program

9:00am – 10:00am

Registration (Coffee and Refreshments will be available)

10:00 – 11:00am

Municipal Ethics Law

William Ruch Jr., Director of Risk Management Statewide JIF

Jim Philbin Jr., Risk Manager/Loss Control Specialist Statewide JIF

Public officials are under the proverbial microscope regarding all of their activities. This program provides public officials with an outline of ethical conduct. We will define ethical behavior, provide examples of work situations where a thorough understanding of workplace ethics may be applied, and identify ways in which you can determine if your decisions and behavior are meeting the appropriate standards. In addition, the course discusses the code of conduct that is at the heart of ethical behavior and why it is such an important component of the trust that citizens must have in their government.

DCA Course DLGS-SIF-7: *One (1) Contact Hour in Ethics Approved for: RMC, QPA, CMFO/CCFO, CTC, CPWM*

11:00 – 11:15am

Break

11:15am – 12:15pm

First Amendment Audit

William Ruch Jr., Director of Risk Management Statewide JIF

Jim Philbin Jr., Risk Manager/Loss Control Specialist Statewide JIF

This program covers the key issues that occur during a First Amendment Audit visit including what the goal of the “auditor” is, planning for one, how to react during a visit, and what happens after a First Amendment Audit. This training course provides essential knowledge and practical skills for effectively handling encounters with First Amendment auditors. Participants will learn the legal rights associated with public recording, strategies for professional interaction, and methods to maintain public trust and order.

DCA Course #DLGS24-SIF-1: *One (1) Contact Hours Approved for: RMC (Prof Dev), QPA (Office Adm/Gen Duties), CMFO/CCFO (Adm & Ancillary), CTC (Gen/Secondary Duties), CPWM (Mgmt)*

12:15pm – 1:00pm

Lunch (Provided)

1:00pm – 3:00pm

Records Requests and Responses

Gary M. Marek, Esq., Law Offices of Gary M. Marek

Topics to be addressed during this session include types of record requests and responses including OPRA, common law, subpoenas, criminal discovery, inter-agency requests, and discussions of OPRA definition amendments and additions.

DCA Course #17334: *Two (2) Contact Hours Approved for: RMC (Records), QPA (Office Adm/Gen Duties), CMFO/CCFO (Adm & Ancillary), CTC (Gen/Secondary Duties), CPWM (Govt)*