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## **PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **ABSTENTION AND THE 10<sup>TH</sup> & 11<sup>TH</sup> AMENDMENTS**

**February 3, 2011  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
NJ Transit Headquarters  
1 Penn Plaza East  
Newark, New Jersey**

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

This presentation will explore the various abstention doctrines with which federal court practitioners must be familiar as well as an overview of the immunities afforded state agencies and the State pursuant to the Tenth and Eleventh Amendments to the United States Constitution. The presentation will touch upon the leading Supreme Court of the United States opinions in these areas and also provide practice points for civil motion practice employing these defenses.

#### ***Who Should Attend?***

The presentation is intended for attorneys who practice in federal and/or state court. Others, however, may find this program of interest.

#### ***Who Is the Faculty?***

**AAG Andrea Silkowitz** clerked during the summer and fall of 1975 for the Division of Law and joined the Division as a Law Assistant in September 1976. She was appointed a Deputy Attorney General in December 1976. In 1981, Andrea assumed the position of Deputy Attorney General in Charge of Appeals in Trenton and in late 1982, transferred to the Newark office, where she has continued to supervise appeals. In July 1987, she was appointed as an Assistant Attorney General. Andrea has argued numerous appeals before the Supreme Court of New Jersey, the Appellate Division, and the Third Circuit. Further, Andrea has handled or supervised various federal district court and Third Circuit appeals, many of which have involved abstention issues.

**DAG Michael Walters** is the Section Chief in Education and Higher Education Section in the Division of Law, which represents the New Jersey Department of Education and the State colleges in litigation in a variety of forums including state and federal trial courts and the Office of Administrative Law. DAG Walters has been involved in various complex litigation matters involving education funding, including issues being addressed in this presentation.

### *How Do I Register?*

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### *CLE Credit*

**NJ CLE Credit:** This program had been approved by the Board on Continuing Legal Education of the Supreme Court of New Jersey for 2.0 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism, and 2.0 qualify as hours of credit toward certification in civil trial law, criminal trial law, workers compensation law and/or matrimonial law.

**PA CLE Credit:** 1.5 substantive credits (\$3.00 mandatory registration fee required)

**NY CLE Credit:** 2.0 substantive credits (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy)