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PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

LEGAL ETHICS FOR THE HEALTH CARE LAWYER

**FEBRUARY 27, 2012
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
NJ Transit Headquarters
1 Penn Plaza East
9th Floor, Board Room
Newark, New Jersey**

Program Summary

This program will address the distinct but overlapping demands of ethics, morality, and the law as well as some of the key responsibilities of lawyers involved in the health law arena. A general overview of the relevant professional duties will provide a foundation for a more detailed scrutiny of the practical interpretation of those duties in specific factual circumstances. In particular, participants will collaboratively work through several hypothetical fact situations to appreciate the complex ethical and professional issues that arise in medical-legal partnerships. The session also will consider attorney vulnerability due to, for example, increased government reliance on the responsible corporate officer doctrine in enforcement prosecutions.

Who Should Attend?

While this program is intended for those attorneys handling matters involving health law issues, others may find the issues discussed of interest.

Who Is the Faculty?

DAG Kim D. Ringler: is a Deputy in the Professional Boards Prosecution Section of the Division of Law. She graduated from Oberlin College and Georgetown University Law School where she was a Law Fellow. She had her own law firm in Hackensack, New Jersey concentrating on attorney ethics, representing attorneys at all stages of the disciplinary and admission processes, and counseling lawyers, law firms and other regulated professionals on ethics and licensure matters. A former assistant district attorney in Kings County (Brooklyn), New York, she served as Special Trial Counsel to the New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Departmental Disciplinary Committee for Manhattan and the Bronx. She has been a member of the New York State Bar Association Committee on Professional Ethics, the New York City Bar Committees on Professional

Responsibility and on Professional Discipline; the New Jersey Supreme Court District IIB Ethics Committee, as well as Chair of the Fee Arbitration Committee and *pro bono* counsel for indigent attorneys in disciplinary cases. She is a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association Standing Committee on Professional Responsibility and Unlawful Practice. She currently serves as President of the Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers. DAG Ringler has been listed in *Best Lawyers in America* in the area of Ethics and Professional Responsibility Law and rated AV Preeminent by Martindale Hubbell.

Tara Adams Ragone, Esq. joined the Center for Health & Pharmaceutical Law & Policy as a Research Fellow and Lecturer in Law at Seton Hall University Law School in 2011. Her research and writing for the Center focuses on implementation of health care reform, accountable care organizations, health care access, bioethics, and issues related to the representation of health care professionals. Ms. Ragone also advises the health law moot court team and regularly contributes to Seton Hall Law's Health Reform Watch blog. Ms. Ragone is a former Deputy Attorney General with the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, Division of Law, Professional Boards Prosecution Section. She primarily prosecuted licensing actions before the State Board of Medical Examiners and the Office of Administrative Law and represented the State in federal civil rights actions brought by licensees. She also twice appeared before the Supreme Court of New Jersey in a case of first impression involving a commercial speech challenge to the Court's Rule of Professional Conduct governing attorney firm names. She received her B.A. in Government and Philosophy, *summa cum laude*, from the College of William and Mary in 1996, where she was a member of *Phi Beta Kappa*. After college, she worked on a variety of domestic policy issues, including campaign finance reform, as a research assistant and verifier at the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C. She graduated *magna cum laude* from New York University School of Law in 2001, where she was a Root-Tilden-Kern Public Service Scholar, was elected to the Order of the Coif, and served as Senior Articles Editor for the New York University Annual Survey of American Law. At graduation, she received the Vanderbilt Medal and the Samuel A. Levy Memorial Award. Before joining the New Jersey Attorney General's Office, Ms. Ragone served as a law clerk to the Honorable Allyne R. Ross of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York and the Honorable Robert A. Katzmann of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

How Do I Register?

Most State and some county employees will be able to register for this course by going to <http://reg.dcj.lps.state.nj.us/login.aspx?portalid=2> and creating an account. (Your computer must be attached to the government's Garden State Network.). If you are unable to access the above link kindly email the Advocacy Institute at: AdvocacyInstitute@lps.state.nj.us for an authorization code to allow you access to the registration system through the My New Jersey portal. Once you receive the authorization code you will be prompted to go to the My New Jersey portal at <http://www.state.nj.us/> and create an account, if you do not already have one. Once you do, you then will be able to register through the portal at <http://www.state.nj.us>.

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, 2.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism, and qualify as hours of credit toward certification in civil trial law and workers compensation law.

NY CLE Credit: 2.0 Ethics credits (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy).

PA CLE Credit: 1.5 Ethics credits (\$3.00 mandatory registration fee required).