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PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

ISSUES, CASES AND EXAMPLES CONCERNING THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY CONTRACTORS' REGISTRATION ACT, N.J.S.A. 56:8-136 ET SEQ. , AND RELATED STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

March 15, 2012

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**New Jersey Department of Transportation
David J. Goldberg Transportation Complex
Multi-purpose Room
1035 Parkway Avenue
West Trenton, New Jersey**

Program Summary

This program will provide a basic overview of the New Jersey Contractors' Registration Act, *N.J.S.A. 56:8-136 et seq.*, the Regulations Governing Contractor Registration, *N.J.A.C. 13:45A-17.1 et seq.*, and the Regulations Governing Home Improvement Practices, *N.J.A.C. 13:45A-16.1 et seq.* Multiple provisions will be highlighted, with discussion and analysis of the provisions, relevant case law, and examples from a Deputy Attorney General's practice prosecuting violations and revoking contractors' registrations with the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs.

Who Should Attend?

While this program is intended as a basic overview of the subject areas for those attorneys handling such matters, others may find it of interest.

Who Is the Faculty?

DAG Nicholas Kant is a Deputy Attorney General in the Consumer Fraud Prosecution Section within the Division of Law's Affirmative Civil Enforcement Practice Group. He has spent the last four years prosecuting a variety of cases under the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act, from home improvement matters to kosher enforcement, pet protection and health club cases, among others. He recently settled an action against Wal-Mart for \$775,000 and injunctive relief, and won a \$17 million judgment against a group that had been performing substandard driveway paving throughout southern New Jersey.

Cindy K. Miller is currently the Deputy Director of the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs overseeing all of the Division's consumer protection units. She was appointed as Bureau Chief of the Division's Office of Consumer Protection in 2009 wherein she served as the administrator in charge of the consumer protection agency that investigates conduct in violation of New Jersey's Consumer Fraud Act and its accompanying administrative regulations. As Deputy Director, Cindy also serves as the liaison with Division of Law Deputy Attorneys General regarding pending investigation and litigation matters and reviews and provides recommendations regarding settlements of pending administrative and civil disputes, pending legislation and proposed administrative regulations. Prior to her appointment at Consumer Affairs, Cindy spent several years engaged in the private practice of law at her office in Westfield (Union County), New Jersey. Before establishing her law practice, Cindy served as a Deputy Attorney General/Assistant Section Chief and Senior Deputy Attorney General for the State of New Jersey for 17 years representing the Board of Public Utilities, the Division of Consumer Affairs, the Bureau of Securities, and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey among other agencies of state government. Before state service, Cindy spent time developing her skills and talents as a legal services attorney in Mercer County, as an assistant deputy public defender in Middlesex County and as an associate at a small general practice law firm in Union County. Cindy is a trained Mediator and served for several years mediating civil action matters for the New Jersey Superior Court Presumptive Mediation Program. Cindy is a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association and has served as a member and as the Chairperson of the Bar Association's Consumer Protection Law Special Committee and as a member of the Bar Association's Legislative Standing Committee and Special Civil Part Special Committee. Cindy has served as a faculty member at the New Jersey Judicial College where she taught consumer protection law to New Jersey trial judges. She has also served as a member of the Supreme Court of New Jersey District Ethics Committee for Union County (District XII). She received her B.A. degree from Indiana University in 1975 where she was also elected as a member of The Phi Beta Kappa Society, the nation's oldest and largest academic honor society. She received her J.D. degree from Temple University School of Law in 1978.

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

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

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