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PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

POST-EMPLOYMENT RESTRICTIONS FOR STATE EMPLOYEES

**December 19, 2014
1:30 p.m. to 3:50 p.m.
New Jersey State House
125 West State Street
Counsel's Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey**

Program Summary

This course will examine the ethics issues that may arise when employees in the executive branch leave State government and join the private sector. It will focus on recusal letters, the recusal process and possible post-employment bans. The course will cover general ethics rules, the Conflicts of Interest Law, the Uniform Ethics Code and the Rules of Professional Conduct.

Who Should Attend?

This course is for Attorneys in the Office of the Governor and others who have been invited to attend. Please do not register for this course if you are not one of the individuals invited to attend.

Who Is the Faculty?

Governor Chris Christie was sworn in as Governor of New Jersey on January 19, 2010, and re-elected to a second term on November 5, 2013.

Under Governor Christie, New Jersey has taken on the biggest and toughest challenges with real solutions and bipartisan cooperation. He has implemented an aggressive reform agenda to restore fiscal integrity and accountability to state and local government; lowered New Jersey's property taxes; reformed the state's pension and health benefits system; and improved public education to ensure every child has access to a quality education.

In his first term, Governor Christie fought for and achieved passage of a 2 percent cap on property taxes; landmark public employee pension and health benefit reforms that will save taxpayers over \$130 billion over the next 30 years; four balanced budgets that did not raise taxes;

and \$2.35 billion in job-creating tax cuts. After years of decline, New Jersey's economy has turned around, and more than 143,100 private sector jobs have been added under Governor Christie's watch.

In addition, Governor Christie has made education reform a top priority of his Administration, working to turn around failing schools, improve accountability, create a fair and meaningful evaluation system for teachers and principals and increase school choice in the state's worst performing districts. Governor Christie provided billions of dollars in additional state aid for New Jersey schools, setting a historic high for school funding three consecutive years. In August 2012, Governor Christie signed into law landmark bipartisan tenure reform, modernizing the nation's oldest tenure law to increase teacher effectiveness and accountability in the classroom.

Since Superstorm Sandy struck in 2012, New Jersey has made real, substantial strides toward recovery and rebuilding. The Christie Administration has launched dozens of programs and services at an unprecedented pace to put displaced New Jerseyans back in their homes; reopen businesses damaged or destroyed by Sandy; and repair and improve infrastructure to withstand future storms.

After graduating college in 1984, Governor Christie attended Seton Hall University School of Law. Governor Christie graduated in 1987 and joined a Cranford law firm, where he was soon named a partner. He was elected a Freeholder in Morris County, and served as Director of the Board in 1997.

Governor Christie was named U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey in 2002. As the chief federal law enforcement officer in New Jersey, earning praise from leaders in both parties and drawing national attention for his efforts in battling political corruption, corporate crime, human trafficking, gangs, terrorism and environmental polluters.

Michele Brown serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA). The EDA is a State agency that serves as New Jersey's bank by financing small and mid-sized businesses, administering tax incentives to retain and grow jobs, revitalizing communities through redevelopment initiatives, and supporting entrepreneurial development by providing access to training and mentoring programs. Ms. Brown joined the Authority in October 2012.

Ms. Brown most recently served as Appointments Counsel to Governor Chris Christie, where she provided strategic and legal guidance to the Governor. In this capacity, Ms. Brown was responsible for identifying, recruiting and vetting Cabinet officials, senior executive candidates, judicial and prosecutorial nominees, and volunteer board, commission and authority members.

Ms. Brown has an extensive background practicing law, serving 18 years at the United States Attorney's Office, New Jersey district, specializing in white collar prosecutions that included corporate fraud, bank fraud and tax and money laundering offenses. Her work has been recognized by the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. A native of New Jersey, Ms. Brown received her J.D., magna cum laude, from Georgetown University Law Center and her B.A., magna cum laude, from Drew University.

Senator Jeffrey Chiesa rejoined Wolff & Samson in November 2013 following his service as United States Senator for New Jersey. Mr. Chiesa, an experienced litigator with an impressive background in both the public and private sectors, practices in the firm's Litigation, Corporate Internal Investigations and Monitoring, and White Collar Criminal Defense Groups.

In June 2013, Governor Chris Christie appointed Mr. Chiesa to serve in the United States Senate following the death of Senator Frank Lautenberg. During his time in the Senate, Mr. Chiesa served on the U.S. Senate committees on Homeland Security and Government Affairs, Commerce, Science and Transportation and Small Business and Entrepreneurship. While on the Homeland Security Committee, Mr. Chiesa worked to improve information sharing among federal agencies following the bombing at the Boston Marathon and continued his work to combat and raise awareness of human trafficking. Mr. Chiesa also cast important votes on cabinet and judicial nominees, immigration and the nation's debt ceiling.

At the time of his appointment to the United States Senate, Mr. Chiesa was serving as New Jersey's 59th Attorney General. Governor Christie nominated Mr. Chiesa to be New Jersey's Attorney General in December 2011, and the New Jersey Senate unanimously confirmed him in January 2012. As Attorney General, Mr. Chiesa was New Jersey's chief law enforcement officer and had primary regulatory responsibility for the state's casino, gaming and alcohol beverage industries. Additionally, Mr. Chiesa served as the state's chief legal advisor and had statewide responsibility for the enforcement of the state's consumer protection laws. Mr. Chiesa's achievements as Attorney General included leading the state's public safety efforts following Superstorm Sandy, bringing significant corruption and gang prosecutions, combating human trafficking, creating safeguards to address prescription drug abuse, and helping to lead Governor Christie's efforts to strengthen New Jersey's criminal laws to protect its most vulnerable citizens.

Before serving as Attorney General, Mr. Chiesa served as Governor Christie's Chief Counsel. As Chief Counsel, Mr. Chiesa was responsible for leading the Governor's legislative initiatives, supervising gubernatorial appointments and managing all of New Jersey's authorities. Prior to serving as Chief Counsel, Mr. Chiesa served as the Executive Director of Governor Christie's transition team.

Prior to joining Governor Christie's cabinet, Mr. Chiesa was a member of Wolff & Samson practicing in the firm's litigation department. Before joining the firm, he served in the U.S. Attorney's Office in the District of New Jersey from 2002-2009, last serving as the Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney. He also served as Counsel to the U.S. Attorney and as chief of the Public Protection Unit. Mr. Chiesa was involved in managing all aspects of the U.S. Attorney's Office, including the management of the Criminal, Civil, Appeals and Special Prosecutions Divisions. Before holding these leadership positions at the U.S. Attorney's Office, Mr. Chiesa served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Special Prosecutions Division. In this role, Mr. Chiesa prosecuted a number of significant public corruption cases against state and local officials, including former New Jersey Senate President John Lynch. Before joining the Special Prosecutions Division, Mr. Chiesa served in the Criminal Division at the U.S. Attorney's Office where he prosecuted a number of significant white collar fraud cases, including a multimillion-dollar Medicaid fraud case.

Before serving at the U.S. Attorney's Office, Mr. Chiesa was in a private practice primarily focused on the litigation of health, hospital and physician related matters.

Kevin O'Dowd has been serving as Chief of Staff to New Jersey Governor Chris Christie since January 2012. From January 2010 to January 2012, Mr. O'Dowd served as the Deputy Chief Counsel to Governor Christie.

Prior to joining the Christie Administration, Mr. O'Dowd served as the Chief of the Securities and Healthcare Fraud Unit in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey. During the seven years Mr. O'Dowd served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Criminal Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office, Mr. O'Dowd prosecuted various crimes ranging from complex healthcare, securities and financial fraud matters to international child pornography distribution, cyber crimes and narcotics trafficking violations.

During his time at the U.S. Attorney's Office, Mr. O'Dowd was a frequent panelist and speaker on healthcare fraud and compliance matters. Mr. O'Dowd received numerous awards and honors from a host of federal law enforcement agencies including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the United States Secret Service. Mr. O'Dowd was twice awarded the prestigious Integrity Award from the Inspector General of the U.S., Department of Health and Human Services as well as the Award for Excellence from the United States President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency. In 2012, Seton Hall University School of Law presented Mr. O'Dowd with the St. Thomas More Medal for his distinguished public service and outstanding contributions to the law and the community.

Before joining the U.S. Attorney's Office in 2003, Mr. O'Dowd served as a Deputy Attorney General in the Department of Law and Public Safety and then as an Assistant Counsel in the Office of Counsel to the Governor. Mr. O'Dowd received his B.A. from The Catholic University of America in 1994 and his J.D. from St. John's University School of Law in 1997.

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 2.4 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 2.4 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

NY CLE Credit: 2.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy).

PA CLE Credit: 2.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism (\$3.00 mandatory registration fee required).

How Do I Register?

State Employees

Most State employees are able to register for this course by going to <http://reg.dcj.lps.state.nj.us/login.aspx?portalid=2> and creating an AGAI Course Registration account. To do so, your computer must be attached to the government's Garden State Network. Upon opening the AGAI Course Registration System home page, you will see the Create

Account link in the Login Box. Click on it and create your account, which will include you selecting a user name and password. Once you create your account, you can access the AGAI Course Registration System at <http://reg.dcj.lps.state.nj.us/login.aspx?portalid=2> to register for future courses or to manage your account. Please retain your user name and password for your records.

Non-State Employees or State Employees not Connected to the Garden State Network

If you are not a State employee, or are otherwise unable to access the AGAI Course Registration System through the Garden State Network, kindly email the Advocacy Institute at: AdvocacyInstitute@lps.state.nj.us for an authorization code to allow you access to the AGAI Course Registration System through the My New Jersey portal. Setting up your account through the portal is a two-step process, the details of which are set forth in the next two paragraphs.

Once you receive the portal authorization code you will be prompted to go to the My New Jersey portal at <http://www.state.nj.us/> and create a portal account. Once your portal account is created you are prompted to enter your authorization code. This is Step 1 of the process, which you need only do once.

If you have already been issued an authorization code in the past you do not need to request another one. You can log into your account on the Garden State Network at <http://www.state.nj.us> and under the heading NJ L&PS Applications you will see the Attorney General's Advocacy Institute's Registration System. Click on that and log into your account on our system.

Upon setting up your portal account, you need to set up your AGAI Course Registration System account. This is Step 2. To do so, log on to the My New Jersey Portal <http://www.state.nj.us/>. Upon opening the AGAI Course Registration System home page, you will see the Create Account link in the Login Box. Click on it and create your account, which will include you selecting a new user name and password. Once you create your account, you can access the AGAI Course Registration System at <http://reg.dcj.lps.state.nj.us/login.aspx?portalid=2> to register for future courses or to manage your account. Please retain your user name and password for your records.