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PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE LAW

**December 21, 2012
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
New Jersey State House
Counsel's Office Conference Room, 1st Floor
125 West State Street
Trenton, New Jersey**

Program Summary

This course is intended as an introduction to legal issues in the field of economic development. The first portion of the course will explore current litigation and administrative law matters through an interactive discussion of applicable case law. This course will then provide an in-depth analysis of New Jersey's economic development programs from the legal perspective. This will be accomplished through an explanation of The Business Employment incentive Program, Business Retention and Relocation Assistance Grant, Economic Redevelopment and Growth and Urban Transit Hub Tax Credit Programs as well as Grow New Jersey from the initial statutory creation of these programs through the rulemaking process that seeks to ensure the protection of public funds. Finally, this course will examine how other states have dealt with many common legal issues involved in economic development.

Who Should Attend?

Only those persons already selected to attend this program should register. Please do not attempt to register for this program if you have not already been selected to participate. Also, those of you who normally attend the State House Series program may not be eligible to attend this program.

Who Is the Faculty?

Governor Chris Christie was sworn in as Governor of New Jersey on January 19, 2010. Since taking office, 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 3 years, three balanced budgets that did not raise taxes, and \$2.35 billion in job creating tax cuts.

In addition, Governor Christie has made education reform a top priority of his administration, putting forward and working for the passage of proposals 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 millions of dollars in additional state aid for New Jersey schools, increasing state education funding to higher levels than the day he took office. 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.

A lifelong New Jerseyan, Governor Chris Christie was born in Newark and raised in Livingston. He has lived in New Jersey his entire life, except to attend college at the University of Delaware. After graduating college in 1984, Christie attended Seton Hall University School of Law graduating 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. Christie was named U.S. Attorney General for the District of New Jersey in 2002.

Michelle 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 Trenton, 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.

CLE Credit

NJ CLE Credit: This program has 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.

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).