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PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

STATE HOUSE ROUND TABLE: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN CRIMINAL LAW

**December 13, 2012
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
New Jersey State House
Counsel's Office Conference Room, 1st Floor
125 West State Street
Trenton, New Jersey**

Program Summary

The Attorney General will present on recently decided cases impacting criminal prosecutions in New Jersey. The Attorney General will also discuss the current differences between federal and state statutes criminalizing child pornography, and proposals to strengthen New Jersey's laws.

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?

Attorney General Jeffrey S. Chiesa: On January 10, 2012 Jeffrey S. Chiesa was sworn in as New Jersey's 59th Attorney General. Prior to his appointment as Attorney General, he served as Chief Counsel to Governor Chris Christie. Prior to that, he spent more than 10 years in private practice, and approximately 7 years working as a federal prosecutor in New Jersey. He is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and earned his law degree from The Catholic University of America.

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.

Charles B. McKenna, Esq. currently serves as Chief Counsel to Governor Chris Christie, having previously served as the Director of the New Jersey State Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness since January 2010. Mr. McKenna came to this position from the United States Attorney's Office, District of New Jersey, where he had served for 18 years. At the time of his appointment, he was the Chief of the Criminal Division, a position in which he directed attorneys Responsible with prosecuting federal criminal violations since 2008. He also supervised investigations and interacted with heads of law enforcement-including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Drug Enforcement Agency, Internal Revenue Service and Department of Defense and was responsible for establishing and administering policy for the Criminal Division, the largest in the US Attorney's Office. From 2002 until 2008, Mr. McKenna served as Executive Assistant US Attorney under then US Attorney Chris Christie. Here, he had executive oversight for all Criminal and Civil Division investigations as well as administrative responsibilities to ensure efficient operations in the office. He also represented the office on many occasions to law enforcement and private industry groups, lecturing on various aspects of criminal law. As an Assistant US Attorney, Mr. McKenna successfully prosecuted many cases involving violations of federal criminal laws. He was involved in the investigation into the kidnapping and murder of Daniel Pearl, the Southeast Asia Bureau Chief for the Wall Street Journal, and he successfully prosecuted animal rights extremists. In 2002, he was a recipient of a Director's Award for Superior Performance from the US Department of Justice. From 1999 to 2002, Mr. McKenna was the US Attorney's Office Liaison to the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force. From 2002 until leaving the US Attorney's Office, he was the Crisis Management Coordinator for the District of New Jersey. Mr. McKenna received a J.D. in 1986 from St. John's University School of Law, where he graduated *magna cum laude*. He was awarded a Bachelor of Arts *summa cum laude* in 1982 from Fordham University. A New York City native, Mr. McKenna resides in Essex County.

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 criminal 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).