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PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

STATE HOUSE ROUND TABLE: ETHICS REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GOVERNOR, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND STATEHOUSE STAFF MEMBERS

**December 13, 2012
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
New Jersey State House
Counsel's Office Conference Room, 1st Floor
125 West State Street
Trenton, New Jersey**

Program Summary

This course will examine the Code of Conduct for the Governor and compare and contrast code provisions with ethics requirements for employees of the executive branch of State government. This course will also emphasize ethics issues that uniquely affect Statehouse staff members. The course will cover the Conflicts of Interest Law, N.J.S.A. 52:13D-12 et seq., ethics rules, N.J.A.C.19:6.1 et seq., the Uniform Ethics Code, the Code of Conduct for the Governor and ethics-related executive orders.

This presentation will address specific ethics requirements for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor and the underlying policy considerations behind areas where the Governor's Code of Conduct diverges from the Uniform Ethics Code. This course will also focus on ethics situations that are commonly encountered by members of the Statehouse staff, including restrictions on acceptance of gifts, statutory provisions limiting reimbursement for out-of-state travel, requirements for documenting business meals, interaction with lobbyists and advocates, attendance at events related to State duties and precautions regarding political activity. Ethics requirements will be reinforced with case studies drawn from the files of the New Jersey State Ethics Commission that illustrate common ethics dilemmas faced by Statehouse staff members.

This session will satisfy the mandatory ethics training requirement for State executive branch employees

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.

Peter J. Tober is the Executive Director of the State Ethics Commission. He previously served as Special Counsel and Ethics Counsel to Governor Chris Christie. Mr. Tober also was the Senior Assistant Counsel to Governors Christine Todd Whitman and Donald T. DiFrancesco, acting as the Ethics Liaison Officer for all three Governors. From 2002 to 2009, Mr. Tober was the Vice Chair and member of the Election Law Enforcement Commission. In private practice, he was affiliated with the law firms of Shain Schaffer and Rafanello and Wilentz, Goldman and Spitzer - specializing in municipal law, land use law and commercial litigation. Mr. Tober received his undergraduate degree from Cornell University and his law degree from the Hofstra University School of Law, where he was Associate Editor of the Hofstra Law Review.

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, 2.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

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

PA CLE Credit: 2.0 ethics credits (\$3.00 mandatory registration fee required).