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# **PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT**

# POST-EMPLOYMENT RESTRICTIONS FOR STATE EXECUTIVE BRANCH ATTORNEYS

December 16, 2016 4:10 p.m. to 6:10 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 attorneys in the executive branch of State government leave State service. It will focus on potential post-employment restrictions related to the attorney's prior work for the State, the possible extension of such restrictions to the attorney's new employer and avoiding conflicts of interest by implementing the recusal process and executing recusal letters. The course will cover 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?

**Senator Jeffrey Chiesa** is a partner in Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi, where he 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. Prior to his service in the Senate, Mr. Chiesa was served as New Jersey's Attorney General. As Attorney General, Mr. Chiesa was New Jersey's chief law enforcement officer and the State's chief legal advisor. He had primary regulatory responsibility for the State's casino, gaming and alcohol beverage industries and responsibility for the enforcement of the State's consumer protection laws.

Before serving as Attorney General, Mr. Chiesa was Governor Christie's Chief Counsel and led the Governor's legislative initiatives, supervised gubernatorial appointments and managed New Jersey's authorities. Prior to joining Governor Christie's cabinet, Mr. Chiesa was a member of Wolff & Samson's litigation department. Before joining the firm, he served in the U.S. Attorney's Office in the District of New Jersey as the Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney, Counsel to the U.S. Attorney and Chief of the Public Protection Unit. Before holding these positions, Mr. Chiesa served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Special Prosecutions Division and the Criminal Division. Before serving at the U.S. Attorney's Office, Mr. Chiesa was in private practice primarily focused on litigating health, hospital and physician related matters.

**Governor Chris Christie** was sworn in as Governor of New Jersey in January 2010 and reelected to a second term in November 2013. Governor Christie graduated from the University of Delaware in 1984 and attended the Seton Hall University School of Law, earning his J.D. in 1987. Governor Christie then joined a Cranford law firm, where he was soon named a partner. He was elected as a Morris County Freeholder and served as Director of the Board in 1997. Governor Christie was named U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey in 2002 and served in that position through December 2008. As the chief federal law enforcement officer in New Jersey, he concentrated the efforts of the office on battling political corruption, corporate crime, human trafficking, gangs, terrorism and environmental polluters.

# 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 2.0 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 2.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

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

**PA CLE Credit**: 1.5 qualify as hours of credit for ethics (\$3.00 mandatory registration fee required).

### How Do I Register?

#### **State Employees**

employees Most State are able to register for this course by going to http://reg2.dcj.lps.state.nj.us/lpcreg/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://reg2.dcj.lps.state.nj.us/lpcreg/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: <u>AdvocacyInstitute@lps.state.nj.us</u> 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 <u>http://www.state.nj.us/</u> 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 <u>http://www.state.nj.us/</u>. 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 <u>http://reg2.dcj.lps.state.nj.us/lpcreg/login.aspx?portalid=2</u> to register for future courses or to manage your account. Please retain your user name and password for your records.