

NEW YORK STATE JUDICIAL INSTITUTE ON PROFESSIONALISM IN THE LAW

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Dear Colleague,

We are pleased to invite you to our Convocation on Lawyer Independence and In-House Corporate Counsel on Friday, November 9, 2012, at the Judicial Institute, 84 North Broadway, White Plains, New York, on the grounds of Pace Law School. As part of the Institute's mandate to examine and promote professionalism in the practice of law, we are examining the independence and ethical challenges faced by in-house lawyers at corporations. This Convocation, the fourth in our series, continues our review of lawyer independence, a fundamental foundation of professionalism in the law, from the perspective of lawyers who practice in a corporate setting.

The November 9, 2012 Convocation will feature welcoming remarks from Judicial Institute Dean Juanita Bing Newton, Pace University President Stephen J. Friedman, a Keynote Address by Robert C. Weber, General Counsel and Senior Vice President of IBM, and a Luncheon Speech by Christine T. DiGuglielmo of Weil, Gotshal & Manges and co-author of *Indispensable Counsel: The Chief Legal Officer in the New Reality* (Oxford University Press 2012).

Subsequent to both the Keynote Address and Luncheon Speech, panels composed primarily of general counsel to leading corporations, banks and educational institutions, as well as members of the judiciary, will discuss the challenges corporate lawyers routinely address and what best practices are employed in the corporate context to preserve independence and high ethical standards. The Convocation Program is attached for your review.

The Convocation is scheduled to begin at 10:00 am and conclude by 4:00 pm. Full day attendees will earn 3 professional practice CLE credits and 1.5 ethics CLE credits. A bibliography of source materials will be distributed on the day of the Convocation. Please register by email to professionalism@nycourts.gov by submitting your name, email address, mailing address, business phone and request for CLE credit, no later than October 30, 2012. We encourage you to share this invitation with your colleagues. Thank you.

We look forward to welcoming you and your guests.



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