

# Public Service Ethics: Understanding the Law and Beyond

## SCAC Webcast

Thursday, March 22, 2012



### AGENDA

**9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**

#### *Overview of South Carolina State Ethics Reform Act*

During this portion of the program, participants will learn about the 2011 revisions to the Ethics Reform Act. Among the changes are increased penalties for failure to file or filing late Statements of Economic Interest, revised registration requirements for lobbyists and lobbyists' principals, and additional family relationships that may impact recusal.

*Speaker: Cathy Hazelwood, Deputy Director and General Counsel, South Carolina State Ethics Commission*

**10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.**

Break

**10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.**

#### *Ethics Beyond the Law*

Just because something is legal does not make it ethical. During this segment, participants will learn why it is crucial to do more than just follow the letter of the law and how perception plays a key role in ethics. The ethical environment in which government officials work and common ethical dilemmas will be discussed.

*Speaker: Ed Thomas, Ed Thomas/Leadership, LLC*

**11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

Break

**11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

#### *Standards, Expectations and Guidelines for Public Servants*

Public servants are called to promote and preserve the public's trust. Participants will learn about the principles and values of public service ethics, as well as codes of conduct for professionals in public service. The critical role of organizational culture and frameworks for resolving ethical dilemmas will be discussed.

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