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### **AGENDA**

## I. Lease Drafting, Structuring, and Negotiating

- A. Legally screening and qualifying tenants
  - 1. Fair housing and discrimination laws
  - 2. Background checks, rejecting applicants
- B. Plain language lease: essential pro-active and remedial lease provisions
- C. Security deposits and personal guarantees
- D. Late fees: how much is too much?
- E. Other lease issues
- F. Special circumstances
  - 1. Public and subsidized housing, mobile homes
  - 2. Statutory protections and differences in notices and timelines
- G. Environmental issues in leases
- H. Questions and answers

### II. Landlord and Tenant Rights and Obligations

- A. Case law studies
- B. Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act: obligations and responsibilities
- C. Physical defects on the premises
- D. Providing security
- E. Liability for injury, e.g., lead paint, mold, radon
- F. Other risk management issues
- G. Abandoned property: timelines, notices, disposal
- H. Questions and answers

#### III. Evictions: Excuses and Traps When Things Go Bad

- A. Terminating the tenancy
  - 1. Demands, notices, lockouts
  - 2. Forcible Entry and Detainer Action
  - 3. Other problems: ending the relationship
  - 4. Local "tenants' rights" ordinances
- B. Landlord and tenant actions
  - 1. Jurisdiction and venue
  - 2. The writ: preparation, entry, and service
  - 3. Discovery
  - 4. The hearing, statutory defenses, and appeals
  - 5. The Writ of Possession
- C. Landlord deposits
- D. Fair credit reporting
- E. Mediation, if applicable

#### IV. Landlord or Tenant Files Bankruptcy

- A. What to do when a tenant or landlord files bankruptcy
  - 1. Effect of a bankruptcy stay, lifting the automatic stay, regaining possession
  - 2. Tenant's duty to pay rent during the pending bankruptcy
- B. Considerations before pursuing judgment, should you even bother?
  - 1. Obtain necessary information to collect judgment early in the rental process
  - 2. Obtaining judgment and where to file: jurisdiction and venue issues
- C. Collecting on the judgment
  - 1. Moving for periodic payments
  - 2. Post judgment attachments and trustee process: can you attach bank accounts or wages and other options?
  - 3. Absconding, skip tracing, and use of investigators

## V. Ethical Considerations in Landlord-Tenant Law

- A. Negotiating with a pro se tenant at court
- B. Conflicts of interest, un-represented, dual representation, and competency
- C. Ethical situations
- D. Fee arrangements and getting paid

## **DETAILS**

DATE: Wednesday, February 12, 2014

REGISTRATION: 8:00 a.m.

**PRESENTATIONS:** 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Lunch:** 11:40 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.

Lunch is on your own

#### **LOCATION:**

Hyatt Regency

Two Albany Street

New Brunswick, NJ 08901

732-873-1234

Map available online

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Property Managers
- Real Estate Brokers
- Building Managers
- Housing Authorities
- Developers
- Building Owners
- Leasing Agents
- Landlords and Tenants
- Other Real Estate Professionals
- Attorneys:
  - Landlord-Tenant
  - Leasing and Contracts
  - Evictions
  - Real Estate
  - Transactional
  - Litigation
  - Bankruptcy/Debtor-Creditor
  - General Practice

## **SUMMARY**

Rental property can be a valuable source of income, but in an everchanging legal climate it comes with the potential for headaches and pitfalls. Whatever stage of the process you might be in, this seminar can help you manage the risk and maximize the reward of landlord-tenant relations. Take advantage of the insight and experience that our faculty can bring to your situation, whether you're managing property or counseling those who are. Learn your options before problems arise, and don't get caught off guard by difficult situations. Register today!

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LUKE J. KEALY, a partner of Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP in Woodbridge, has a diverse practice which includes the litigation and resolution of complex commercial matters including contracts, real estate, professional malpractice, construction, insurance, intellectual property, and environmental litigation. Mr. Kealy counsels clients in matters involving real estate, construction, insurance, environmental, partnership, and franchise law, and has represented clients in proceedings before regulatory agencies. He is a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association, the Middlesex County Bar Association, and the Association of the Federal Bar of the State of New Jersey. Mr. Kealy earned his B.S. at the U.S. Air Force Academy, his M.S. at the University of Southern California, and his J.D. at the New York University School of Law.

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