

## Dennis A. Estis Appointed to American Bar Association Ethical Standards Task Force

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**Dennis A. Estis**, a partner in the Woodbridge office of Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith, Ravin, Davis & Himmel LLP, has been appointed to a one year term to the Ethical Standards for Mediation Task Force of the Section of Litigation of the American Bar Association (ABA). The Task Force is comprised of 16 members from eight different states. The Task Force, appointed by Section of Litigation Chair Dennis Drasco, of Roseland, New Jersey, was created to make recommendations to the ABA's House of Delegates to adopt a set of ethical standards for mediators around the country. It is expected that if approved by the ABA, the standards will serve as a model in numerous state and federal courts.

Estis, a member of the firm's Litigation Department, chairs the Construction Practice Group and is a member of the Planned Real Estate and the Energy and Public Utilities Practice Groups. He concentrates his practice in the area of complex litigation, particularly relating to condominiums, construction defects, lender liability, general business disputes, alternate dispute resolution (ADR), and environmental concerns.

Estis, a member of the New Jersey Judiciary's Roster of Mediators for the past six years, is a past chair of the Construction Litigation Committee of the Section of Litigation of the ABA and serves as a member of the ABA's Forum on the Construction Industry. Estis has served as chair of the Equity Jurisprudence Committee of the New Jersey State Bar Association (NJSBA) and is a member of the Construction and Public Contracts Section of the NJSBA. He is also a member of the NJSBA's General Council and was recently elected to the NJSBA Nominating Committee. He is also a member of the College of Community Association Lawyers. Estis is the immediate past president of the Middlesex County Bar Association and a member of the Middlesex County Bar Foundation Board of Trustees.

Estis has lectured extensively on numerous topics involving construction and condominium law, ADR, and trial practice. He is co-author of the 2004 edition of *Condominium and Community Association Law*, published by Gann Law Books; co-author of "Defending the Developer," Chapter 8 of *Condominium and Homeowner Litigation*, published by John Wiley & Sons (1987); and author of the New Jersey chapter of *CPI LienLaw Online* (Construction Publications, Inc. 2002). Estis is a member of the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Community Association Law*. He is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University and received his law degree from New York University School of Law.

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