

# *The Role of State Attorneys General in the Enforcement of Federal Law*

**Continuing Legal Education Course  
for Certification through the Virginia State Bar MCLE Board**

**Tuesday, March 2, 2010**

**Room TBD**

**8:30 am to 10:30 am**

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## *Agenda for Course*

*The first part of the course will provide an overview of the history and role of state attorneys general, as well as address the evolving role of attorneys general in the present day. The second panel will feature a discussion between two former state attorneys general on emerging trends in enforcement authority and related contemporary legal matters .*

**8:30 – 9:15 am      *Panel One: Historical overview of the role of state attorney generals; attorney generals in present day.***

**ROB RAFFETY**, JD/MPA, is Adjunct Professor of Law and Public Administration for the George Mason University School of Law and the GMU Department of Public and International Affairs, and the Associate Director of the Regulatory Studies Program and the Government Accountability Project of the Mercatus Center at GMU.

- Brief overview of the historical duties and powers of the state attorneys general.

**HON. HAL STRATTON**, JD, is the former attorney general for the State of New Mexico, former chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, Adjunct Professor at George Mason University School of Law Professor, and Senior Counsel in Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck's Albuquerque office.

- Overview of the emerging trend of state attorneys general functioning as an enforcement arm of federal government under federal law, including the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA) and as proposed in current consumer financial protection and health care reform legislation.

**9:15 – 10:00 am      *Panel Two: Discussion between two former attorneys general on the history and evolution of expanded AG enforcement authority, and the associated consequences thereof.***

**HON. JERRY W. KILGORE**, JD, is the former attorney general for the State of Virginia, and Senior Vice President for Government Relations at McGuireWoods LLP in Richmond, VA.

**HON. PEG LAUTENSCHLAGER**, JD, is the former attorney general for the State of Wisconsin, a practicing lawyer and a professor at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.

**10:00 – 10:30 am      *Discussion/Question & Answer Session***