

***It's Not Too Late! You Can Still Register for the National Client Protection Organization's Northeastern Region Workshop!!***

Further to the invitation mailed to you earlier this summer, if you haven't already registered, I hope you will consider participating in the upcoming **National Client Protection Fund Northeastern Region Workshop** being held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada on Friday, October 27, 2000.

This is the fifth in a series of regional workshops held over the past two years across the United States, and the first being hosted in Canada, for the purpose of bringing together lawyers, Fund administrators, Board members and Trustees interested in exchanging information, policies, procedures, ideas and discussing current trends with respect to Client Protection and Compensation Funds in North America.

Many, but not all of us have had an opportunity to attend one of the American Bar Association's excellent National Forums on Client Protection Funds held annually. The NCPO seeks to create an opportunity to unleash the talent and ideas of everyone working in this field, in part to enhance the value of the education and network created through the ABA Forums. While many critical issues for Client Protection Funds are universal, regional differences can be quite significant, and we have found over the past few years that our Funds have developed and progressed considerably based upon the exchange of ideas and information obtained through the ABA Forums and the NCPO Regional Workshops.

This one-day Workshop is being held in Nova Scotia in an effort to encourage greater exchange of information and networking between our Canadian and American counterparts. Participants already confirmed or tentatively confirmed represent a range of regions including Florida, Washington, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Maryland, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Ontario, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

Outlined below are further details pertaining to this Workshop, and you and your staff, Committee or Board Chairs and Trustees are invited to join us for this interactive, valuable educational and networking event. A draft Agenda is also enclosed - note the always popular "**Hot Topics**" item, which provides an opportunity for representatives to bring to the table some of your most challenging and difficult claims issues for input from other jurisdictions, together with some interesting new topics, including the use of **risk assessments**, and the potential impact of **electronic commerce** on lawyer theft.

- WORKSHOP:** Friday, October 27, 2000 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Sheraton Hotel and Casino, Halifax Room C  
(located directly overlooking Halifax Harbour)  
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada\*
- FEE:** \$35.00 US per person
- HOTEL:** For those who wish, a block of rooms has been set aside at the Sheraton Hotel and Casino (same location as meeting), 1919 Upper Water St., Halifax, NS. Room rate for double or single occupancy is \$155 Cdn. (about \$105 US). Refer to “Nova Scotia Barristers’ Society” when making reservations. **CALL ASAP TO ENSURE RATE AND AVAILABILITY.**
- MEALS:** The registration fee includes all refreshments and lunch during the Workshop. A dinner for Friday evening is being organized, and information on points of interest for those staying the weekend is enclosed.

\* **Direct flights are available from most major centres into Halifax International Airport.**

With both new and experienced participants and an interesting agenda, this Workshop will be invaluable and exhilarating, and we hope to see many of you there. Your contribution to the discussion will make a difference in helping each of us to provide strong Client Protection Fund service.

Sincerely,

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