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LEGAL SERVICES OF NEW JERSEY OFFERING CONSUMER LAW TRAINING SESSIONS FOR *PRO BONO* ATTORNEYS

EDISON— Beginning in April, Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ) is offering a series of five training sessions dealing with consumer protection law.

It is recommended that attorneys new to consumer law attend all five sessions. The first two trainings dealing with applicable state and federal consumer laws are designed to provide a foundation for the last three sessions that will focus individually on debt collection litigation, cars and utility issues, and mortgages and foreclosures and post-judgment collection.

The first session will be Tuesday April 12, followed by the remaining four sessions on successive Tuesdays and ending May 10. All will be from 9:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the LSNJ offices in Edison, and those attending will be eligible to receive up to six Continuing Legal Education credits for each session. There is a \$15 tuition charge for each session and a light lunch is included. With limited space, there are strict deadlines for the required advance registration for each session.

The special training program is available to private attorneys who agree to accept, in the year following each training session, the referral of one case from Legal Services on a *pro bono* basis for each session attended.

Applicants can register at www.probononj.org for any or all of the training sessions. Registration is now open for all five sessions. A separate registration is required for each session. The following is the schedule for the trainings and the application deadlines for each session:

Day One, April 12, State Consumer Laws — registration deadline 10 p.m., April 5.

Day Two, April 19, Federal Consumer Laws — registration deadline 10 p.m. April 12.

Day Three, April 26, Debt Collection Litigation — registration deadline 10 p.m., April 19.

Day Four, May 3, Cars & Utilities — registration deadline 10 p.m., April 26.

Day Five, May 10, Mortgages & Foreclosures and Post-Judgment Collection — registration deadline 10 p.m. May 3.

LSNJ's *pro bono* program provides ongoing support and technical assistance as well as malpractice insurance, and all hours for LSNJ *pro bono* cases are eligible for the Madden exemption.

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