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Steve,

I thought I'd better err on the side of disclosure after yesterday's announcement.

This year I spoke at the States Association of Bankruptcy Attorneys (SABA) on three panels. I received \$449.83 from SABA as reimbursement for my expenses. My total expenses were \$675.60--they didn't reimburse the \$225 registration fee but paid for plane and three night's of hotel.

Copy of check and agenda from conference attached.

Am I ok?

Thank you.

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**NATIONAL ATTORNEY GENERALS' TRAINING INSTITUTE (NAGTRI)**  
**STATES' ASSOCIATION OF BANKRUPTCY ATTORNEYS (SABA)**  
**BANKRUPTCY FROM A GOVERNMENTAL PERSPECTIVE SEMINAR**  
**CLEVELAND, OH – SEPT. 30 -OCT. 3, 2012**

**AGENDA**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2012**

- 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.                      **Registration**
- 1:05 p.m.    **Optional Activity – Rock and Roll Hall of Fame**
- 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.                      **Breakouts**

<i>Whitehall Room</i>	<i>Gold Room</i>
<p><b>Bankruptcy 001 – A Quick Tour of the Basics</b></p> <p><i>Karen Cordry, NAAG Bankruptcy Counsel</i>  <i>Stephen Nagle, NY OAG</i></p> <p>Concepts and terminology of bankruptcy and collection issues for bankruptcy novices of all kinds; a short intro to the overall seminar</p>	<p><b>Advanced Session – Reading Financial Statements: Finding the Facts; Finding the Fraud</b></p> <p><i>Esther Tryban Telser, City of Chicago, Moderator</i>  <i>Rich S. Lauter, Freeborn &amp; Peters, LLP</i>  <i>John Weaver, Office of UST, Cleveland</i></p> <p>Financial statements can tell us much about feasibility of the case and the plan; they also are a fertile source to explore to uncover fraud and concealed assets; this panel will discuss how best to analyze them.</p>

- 3:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.                      **Break**
- 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.                      **Reception**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2012**

- 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.                      **Registration, breakfast (included in registration)**
- 8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.                      **Conference Opening: Welcome SABA/NAAG**
- 8:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.                      **Opening Remarks -**                      Pamela Vest Boratyn, General Counsel to Attorney General Mike DeWine

9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

**Breakouts**

*Ambassador Room*

*Gold Room*

<p><b>Introduction to Bankruptcy</b>  <i>Martha Davis, TN OAG</i>  <i>Beth Weller, Linebarger Goggan Blair &amp; Sampson LLP</i></p> <p>Types of Petitions; eligibility to file; involuntary Conversion &amp; dismissal          Parties in the case – trustees, creditors, committees          Claims – what, when, and where to file</p>	<p><b>Nuts and Bolts – Current Litigation Issues for Experienced Practitioners</b>  <i>Jay Befort, Office of U.S. Trustee, Wichita, Kansas</i>  <i>Mark Silverschotz, ReedSmith</i>  <i>Mike Venditto, ReedSmith</i>  <i>Julie Brigner, OH OAG</i></p> <p>More Madoff Madness (SIPA Trustee vs. States); Lehman Update: ADR Confidentiality; Issues with debtors-not-in-possession: Relief from turnover obligations under Section 543; National Mortgage Settlement: what you need to Know as AGs; 10 Practical Litigation Tips for Bankruptcy Attorneys</p>
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10:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

**Break**

10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Breakouts**

*Whitehall Room*

*Ambassador Room*

*Gold Room*

<p><b>Regulators – Introductory</b>  <i>Maureen Leary, NY OAG</i>  <i>Jonathan Alden, Senior Asst. General Counsel, FL Dept. of Env. Quality</i></p> <p><b>Regulators Beginning – Stay, Priority, and Discharge Issues</b>          Section 362(b)(1),(3),(4), etc.          Section 105          Section 507 - Administrative expenses; non-tax priorities          Section 523 – Discharge exceptions and procedures</p>	<p><b>Regulators Advanced – Round Table Discussion</b>  <i>Patricia Molteni, NAAG Tobacco Bankruptcy Counsel</i>  <i>Sam Maizel, Pachulski, Stang, Ziehl, &amp; Jones LLP</i></p> <p><b>Bankruptcy-Proofing Settlements, Judgments, Administrative Orders.</b></p> <p>What language to include, what protective measures can you obtain (liens, letters of credit, bonds, escrows, guarantees, etc.)</p>	<p><b>Tax Breakout</b>  <i>Jennifer Gauger, IN OAG</i>  <i>Allen Rosenberg, MA DOR</i></p> <p>Primer on discharge, stay, and priority issues</p> <p>Fighting forum shopping on tax issues – keeping §§ 505, 1141, 1231 within bounds; dealing with attempts to derail criminal prosecutions</p> <p>Willful evasion of taxes</p>
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12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

**Lunch (provided) -- Keynote Address [Gold Room]**

**Kent Markus, Enforcement Director, CFPB**  
**The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau – What it is; What it Does; What the Attorneys General Can Do**

1:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

**Breakouts – Chapter 13**

*Ambassador Room*

*Gold Room*

<p><b>Beginners Session</b>  <i>Trish Lazich, OH OAG, Moderator</i>  <i>Keith Rucinski, Chapter 13 Trustee, Akron, OH</i>  <i>Claudia P. FitzGerald, LPA, Cleveland OH</i></p> <p>Explanation of the nuts and bolts of Chapter 13 cases after BAPCPA for bankruptcy novices.</p>	<p><b>Advanced Sessions</b>  <i>Fred Rudzik, FL OAG, Moderator</i>  <i>Hon. Arthur Harris, Bankr. Judge, ND Ohio</i>  <i>Hank Hildebrand, Chapter 13 Trustee, Nashville, TN</i></p> <p>Strategic considerations for governments in Chapter 13 cases; property of the estate issues – how the differing tests affects your actions; <i>Espinosa</i> issues – ambiguous plans regarding nondischargeable debts, liens, and attempts to disallow claims</p>
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3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Break**

*Gold Room*

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Chapter 9 /Municipal Bond Issues**

*Jim Spiotto, Chapman and Cutler*

*Lynn Butler, Brown, McCarroll*

*Esther Tryban Telser, City of Chicago*

Municipalities large and small are under increasing financial pressures; Chapter 9 cases are designed to assist, but they have their own pitfalls as well; this session will be a primer on the issues as they affect both local and state governmental entities

5:00 p.m.

**Session Ends**

7:05 p.m.

**Optional Activity – Indians Baseball Game**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2012**

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

**Breakfast** (Included in registration)

8:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

**Announcements**

*Gold Room*

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**Jurisdiction; *Stern v. Marshall* and beyond**

*Karen Cordry, NAAG Bankruptcy Counsel, Moderator*

*Hon. Arthur Harris, Bankr. Judge, N.D. Ohio*

*Gold Room*

10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

**Secured Claims: What They Are, What They're Good For**

*Nick Lamberti, PA Dept. of Revenue*

*Beth Weller, Linebarger, Goggan Blair & Sampson LLP*

10:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**Break**

11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

**Breakouts**

*Ambassador Room*

*Gold Room*

<p><b>Local Government Issues</b>  <i>Hon. Raymond Pianka, Judge, Cleveland Municipal Housing Court</i>  <i>Mindy Frank, City of Columbus</i>  <i>Esther Tryban Telser, City of Chicago,</i>  <i>Martha Romero, Romero Law Firm</i></p> <p>Ordinance violations and code enforcement; dealing with the aftermath of underwater mortgages  Municipal utility services  Procurement, contracts, and grants  Municipal taxation issues</p>	<p><b>Operating Affirmatively in Bankruptcy: Being Offensive without Being Rude</b>  <i>Jim Jacobsen, NM OAG</i>  <i>Allen Rosenberg, MA DOR</i>  <i>Kim Davis, MT DOR</i></p> <p>Monitoring returns pre and post confirmation  Checking on cash collateral orders  When to push for conversion and dismissal  Filing claims for postpetition debts in Chapter 13, etc.</p>
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12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**Lunch on your own**

1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Breakouts – Chapter 11 – Operations During the Case**

*Ambassador Room*

*Gold Room*

<p><b>Beginners Session –</b>  <i>Lynn H. Butler, Brown, McCarroll, LLP</i>  <i>Jonathan Alden, Senior Asst. General Counsel</i>  <i>FL Dept. of Env. Quality</i></p> <p>“First day orders,” property of the estate issues, executory contracts, Section 363 sales, and other issues arising during the case prior to confirmation</p>	<p><b>Advanced – Hot Topic Chapter 11 Issues From a U.S. Trustee Perspective</b>  <i>Zack Mosner, WA OAG, Moderator</i>  <i>Andrew Vara, Office of US Trustee, Cleveland</i>  <i>Hon. Marilyn Shea-Stonum, Bankr. Judge, ND Ohio</i></p> <p>Fee Guidelines – making bankruptcy more real world  Nuts and bolts of keeping on top of debtors – filing reports, conversions based on losses, extensions, etc.  How successful are trustee motions on KERPS, examiners, trustee, etc. How can we help?</p>
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3:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

**Break**

3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Breakouts – Chapter 11 – Confirming Plans and Beyond**

*Ambassador Room*

*Gold Room*

<p><b>Beginner Session</b>  <i>Nick Lamberti, PA Dept. of Revenue</i>  <i>Martha Davis, TN OAG</i></p> <p>Introduction to these issues, including disclosure statements and objections thereto, plan structure – classification of claims, priorities, etc., what is needed to confirm a plan, what to object to and what happens if you don’t object; enforcing plans and post-confirmation jurisdiction, serial filings.</p>	<p><b>Advanced Session - Hot Topics; Judge’s Panel</b>  <i>Jim Newbold, IL OAG, Moderator</i>  <i>Hon. Judith Fitzgerald, Bankr. Judge, WD Penn.</i>  <i>Hon. Nancy Hershey Lord, Bankr. Judge, ED NY</i>  <i>Hon. Melanie Cyganowski, Former Chief Bankr. Judge, ED NY</i></p> <p>Topics include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sales vs. Reorganizations; credit-bidding (<i>RadLax</i>)</li> <li>2. Individual Chapter 11s, absolute priority rule</li> <li>3. Gift plans</li> <li>4. Monitoring and enforcing plan provisions post-confirmation; post-confirmation jurisdiction.</li> <li>5. Plan releases</li> </ol>
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5:00 p.m.

**Session Ends**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2012**

8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.      **Breakfast** (Included in registration)

8:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.      **SABA Business** – Election of Board; report to membership

9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.      **Avoidance Actions Breakouts**

<i>Ambassador Room</i>	<i>Gold Room</i>
<p><b>Beginner</b>  <i>Fred Rudzik, FL OAG</i>  <i>Donn Rosenblum, OH OAG</i></p> <p>Preference Actions                      Fraudulent Transfers                      Unauthorized postpetition transfers                      Remedies and defenses</p>	<p><b>Advanced</b>  <i>Jim Jacobsen, NM OAG</i>  <i>Zachary Mosner, WA OAG</i></p> <p>When are states getting sued? What are their defenses?                      Payments for the benefit of the debtor; sovereign immunity issues as to Section 544 actions, avoidance of liens in Chapter 13 cases – serial filing issues, Ponzi schemes in brief. Application of <i>Stern v. Marshall</i>.</p>

10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.      **Break**

*Gold Room*

10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

**Ethics and Other Practical Problems**

A variety of practical topics with ethical dimensions that government practitioners face during the case. Bringing civility back to the law.  
*Zack Mosner, Moderator*  
*Honorable Nancy Hershey Lord, Bankruptcy Judge, ED NY*  
*Honorable Pat Morgenstern-Clarren, Chief Bankruptcy Judge, N.D. Ohio*

12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.      **Lunch on your own**

1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.      **Breakouts**

<i>Whitehall Room</i>	<i>Ambassador Room</i>	<i>Gold Room</i>
<p><b>Tax Issues – A Potpourri of Current Issues</b>  <i>Jim Newbold, IL OAG</i>  <i>Donn Rosenblum, OH OAG</i>  <i>Mindy Frank, City of Columbus, OH</i></p> <p><i>Hall</i> – when does the estate incur taxes (in and out of Chapter 12)</p> <p>Case Tactics to Watch Out For:                      Efforts to take over reserved funds, reallocate prepetition payments, eliminate setoffs, require claims for administrative taxes with short bar dates and more</p>	<p><b>Environmental Issues</b>  <i>Maureen Leary, NY OAG, Moderator</i>  <i>Jonathan Alden, FL Dept. Env. Prot.</i>  <i>Tim Kern, OH OAG</i>  <i>Alan Tenenbaum, US DOJ</i>  <i>Others TBA</i></p> <p>I. Enforcing environmental compliance obligations: Mark IV, Apex, Torwico, et al</p> <p>II. Environmental Response Trusts: Tronox, General Motors, Lyondell and more.</p>	<p><b>Regulatory Issues in Bankruptcy – Non-profits and Health Care</b>  <i>Trish Lazich, OH OAG, Moderator</i>  <i>Sam Maizel, Pachulski, Stang, Ziehl &amp; Jones, LLP</i>  <i>Gus Kallergis, Calfee, Halter &amp; Griswold LLP</i>  <i>Paul Linehan, McDonald Hopkins</i>  <i>Meghan Fowler, OH OAG</i>  <i>Lucas Ward, OH OAG</i></p> <p>Sales of Non-profits and the Role of the Attorney General                      Other health care issues for Attorneys General – setoff and recoupment, provider exclusions, etc.</p>

3:30 p.m.      **Conference Ends**