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## NEW YORK STATE COMMISSION ON ETHICS AND LOBBYING IN GOVERNMENT

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to Executive Law Section 94(4)(i), the New York State Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government ("COELIG" or "the Commission") will be conducting a public hearing on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at New York Law School, 185 West Broadway, New York, New York 10013, to take testimony and receive comments regarding:

- The operation of COELIG
- Potential or proposed changes in the laws under its jurisdiction\*, including:
  - New York Executive Law Section 94
  - New York Public Officers Law Sections 73, 73-a and 74
  - New York Civil Service Law Section 107
  - New York Legislative Law Article 1-A, the "Lobbying Act"
- The Commission's pending rules\*\*
- The Commission's Regulations, 19 NYCRR Chapter XX, Parts 930 943\*
- The Advisory Opinions\* of antecedent and related New York State ethics and lobbying agencies, including the Joint Commission on Public Ethics (JCOPE), the Commission on Public Integrity (CPI), the New York State Ethics Commission, New York State Temporary Lobbying Commission and the Legislative Ethics Commission

- The consistency of the Commission's rules and regulations and the advisory opinions of antecedent and related ethics and lobbying agencies with and among each other and with the new statutory language provided by the Ethics Commission Reform Act of 2022, L. 2022 Ch.56, Part QQ
- The effectiveness of New York's existing ethics and lobbying laws, regulations, guidance and ethics enforcement structure
- Recommendations for improvement in the structure, administration, communication and enforcement of ethics and lobbying laws and regulations in New York State and for achieving compliance with essential ethical requirement and principles throughout New York State government.

To ensure that all who wish to be heard in person can be accommodated, members of the public are encouraged to sign up in advance by sending an email to publichearing@ethics.ny.gov. Members of the public who wish to testify by remote video conference can send an email to the same address to reserve an approximate time and receive a Webex link to the hearing. Video conference participation in the meeting will also be available from the Commission's offices at 540 Broadway, Albany, New York 12207; those who wish to testify from the Commission's offices in Albany are also encouraged to sign up in advance by email. A maximum of five minutes will be allotted to each witness.

The hearing will be livestreamed from the Commission's website.

Written testimony may also be submitted in lieu of or in conjunction with in-person or remote testimony at the hearing by submission <a href="mailto:publichearing@ethics.ny.gov">publichearing@ethics.ny.gov</a>.

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- \* The laws under the Commission's jurisdiction, as well as the Commission's Regulations and the Advisory Opinions of predecessor agencies can be accessed on the Commission's website at <a href="https://ethics.ny.gov/laws">https://ethics.ny.gov/laws</a>
- \*\* The Commission's pending rules can be accessed at <a href="https://ethics.ny.gov/about-commission-ethics-and-lobbying-government-coelig">https://ethics.ny.gov/about-commission-ethics-and-lobbying-government-coelig</a>