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Current Priorities for Regulation of New York's Nonprofit Organizations

Wednesday, October 15, 2014
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

BIOGRAPHIES

Robert Pigott
Vice President and General Counsel of Phipps Houses

Robert Pigott is Vice President and General Counsel of Phipps Houses, a not-for-profit, tax exempt organization founded in 1905 that develops, owns and manages low-income housing. He previously served as Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Compliance Officer for Fidelis Care New York, a tax-exempt Medicaid managed care organization. Prior to this role, he spent nearly 11 years as a Section Chief and Bureau Chief in the New York Attorney General's Charities Bureau. He teaches Nonprofit Law at Fordham Law School as an adjunct professor and is Chair of the New York City Bar's Committee on Nonprofit Organizations. Mr. Pigott is the author of New York's Legal Landmarks, a historical guidebook to New York City for lawyers. He began his career in private practice as a commercial litigator and holds a law degree from Columbia University and a BA from Hamilton College.

James G. Sheehan
Chief of the Charities Bureau, Office of the New York State Attorney General

Mr. Sheehan was appointed by New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman in January 2014 as the new chief of the Charities Bureau, the division of the New York Attorney General's office that supervises charitable organizations. The Charities Bureau is responsible for enforcement activities, trust regulation, oversight and public outreach for the over 90,000 New York nonprofits whose employees make up the largest nonprofit sector in this country. Previously, Mr. Sheehan served as New York's first Chief Integrity Officer of the Human Resources Administration (HRA), the nation's largest social services agency with over 14,000 employees. As Chief Integrity Officer, he was responsible for both internal (employee) and external (health care providers, contractors and beneficiaries) program integrity and compliance for HRA. Mr. Sheehan previously served as the first New York State Medicaid Inspector General from 2007 through 2011, and pioneered the use of data analysis tools to identify improper claims in the nation's most generous Medicaid program. He had been the Associate U.S. Attorney for Civil Programs in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia), working in that office from 1980 until 2007. He graduated from Swarthmore College and Harvard Law School.