

League Professional Development Webinar
NJ ELEC New Reporting Requirements for IEs and SuperPACs
February 28, 2025
10:30a.m.-12:00p.m.
Location: Your Computer

The Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC) proposed new rules implementing the legislature's creation of reporting requirements for independent expenditure (IE) committees, which, as everyone knows, are becoming the major players in today's policy debates in Trenton and Washington. These rules are the result of the Election Transparency Act enacted by Gov. Murphy in April of 2023. The new rules require political organizations (IRC section 527), social welfare groups (IRC 501(c)(4)), and business leagues/trade associations (IRC 501 (c)(6)) to register and report financial activity to ELEC after they authorize independent expenditures over \$7,500 in an election. These organizations may accept contributions without limit from permissible contributors to independently support or oppose candidates or public questions. When the communications occur within 30 days of a primary election the committee must file one pre-election and one post-election report, and when done within 60 days of any other election, the committee must file two pre-election and one post-election reports, covering activity from the beginning of the year. Although full expenditure reporting is required, only contributors giving in excess of \$7,500 in the aggregate are required to be reported in detail. These committees are prohibited from coordinating with a candidate or other political committees and may not make contributions to entities restricted by contribution limits. Independent expenditure committees are not required to file pre-election notices like all other committees within 72 or 24 hours of an election.

In addition to implementation of new rules for IE committees, existing Pay-to-Play rules have been changed according to the new law, which impact both businesses with public contracts and the requirements of the public contracting entity. ELEC is also required to adjust contribution limits and thresholds every two years under the new law, which includes fines and penalties and financial reporting thresholds for candidates and committees. The amounts candidates and political committees can accept for 2025 elections and beyond are included in the proposed rules and vary by contributor type. (Candidates designated for a 2025 election and beyond can receive the higher limits.) The amount committees filing quarterly reports can accept beginning in year 2025 are also included in the proposal. Lastly, the contribution limit for all 2025 gubernatorial candidates was set at \$5,800 for all contributor types.

Schedule:

10:30a.m -12:00p.m. -Seminar Topic and Discussion

Presenters:

Stephanie A. Olivo, Esq, Law Firm of McCarter and English

William Palatucci, Esq, Law Firm of McCarter and English

REGISTRATION FEE: Member Rate: \$45.00* Non-Member: \$65.00

*Member rate applies to: Municipalities, State, County, and Municipal Utilities & Authorities.

To Register:

1. Visit the Seminar Calendar on the League website at www.njlm.org/seminars
2. Download the Registration Form
3. Fill out the form and either e-mail to sdelany@njlm.org or fax to 609-695-0151*
4. **(3)Three Business Days** before the webinar attendees will be sent an e-mail confirmation from "GoToWebinar" or "Log Me In" with a personalized link that will allow them to log in to the webinar at the appointed time. **If you do not receive this link, please contact the League at 609-695-3481.**
5. At the scheduled time of the webinar, the attendee will click the link provided in the confirmation e-mail and will be automatically directed to the virtual classroom.

Please note, in order to connect to the webinar, you may be required you to install the GoToWebinar Codec. To do this, hit "run" or "launch "when prompted and the codec will automatically install.

6. Please note, **attendees must sign on to the webinar at the specified time**. Any attendee that signs in after the start of the webinar may not be eligible for credit.

*For last minute registrations a faxed or e-mailed copy of the check or PO is acceptable.

Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations will be accepted until 4:00p.m. three (3) business days prior to the scheduled webinar. Cancellations must be in writing. After the Cancellation Deadline there are no refunds.

Substitutions:

If you are unable to participate in the webinar and you would like to transfer your registration to someone else, you must Email the following information to sdelany@njlm.org or fax to 609-695-0151:

- a. Name and title of attendee being substituted
- b. Name and email of new attendee
- c. Date and title of webinar

If you have any questions on substitutions please contact Sue at 609-695-3481 ext 111

CEUs: CMFO/CCFO: 1.5 Off Mgmt/Anc; CPWM-1.5 Govt; RMC-1.5 Elec;QPA-1.5 Off Admin; NJCLE-1.8;PACLE-1.5

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER OR CANCELLATION: We will announce emergency seminar or webinar cancellations via recorded announcement on our Weather Hotline: 609-695-3481 ext. 200 and post announcements on our website www.njlm.org , Facebook page facebook.com/njleague, and Twitter [@NJ_League](https://twitter.com/NJ_League) after 6:00am on the morning of the meeting.