

## OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS PRESENTERS

**Barbara Housen**, formerly the Principal Attorney for the Freedom of Information Commission, is the OSE's new General Counsel. Needless to say, she enhances our team with superior qualifications and the highest of ethical standards.

Barbara had served with the Freedom of Information Commission since 1992, where she managed the agency's litigation program while handling complex, high-profile cases in her capacity of senior hearing officer. Barbara has private law practice experience in addition to significant legal work as a volunteer. She is a graduate of Bernard M. Baruch College, CUNY and Boston University School of Law.

**Brian O'Dowd**, Assistant General Counsel in the Legal Division, was one of the first employees of the new Office of State Ethics (OSE) and its longest-serving employee. Brian is a graduate of the Catholic University, Columbus School of Law, where he was a member of the Journal of Contemporary Health Law and Policy. Prior to working at OSE, Brian was a clerk to The Honorable F. Herbert Gruendel at the Connecticut Appellate Court.