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**LOCAL ATTORNEY PRESENTS SECURITIES ARBITRATION CLE**

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Cumberland County lawyers were provided with a summary of Securities Arbitration this past Friday at a continuing legal education (CLE) session sponsored by the Cumberland County Bar Association. The CLE session, presented by local Attorney Rob Bleecher, and was entitled “Securities Arbitration: The Promise, The Process & The Future Possibilities.”

The presentation covered a brief history of securities arbitration, and then described the actual process of securities arbitration at FINRA (Financial Industry Regulatory Authority) from the perspective of an attorney representing a claimant in the process. Attorney Bleecher also provided some insights from the standpoint of a FINRA arbitrator since he also serves as an arbitrator as well as representing litigants in the arbitration process.

The future of arbitration was examined with a discussion of the proposals in the “Arbitration Fairness Act” currently pending before Congress, and a review of recent enforcement actions in the news, including the settlement agreement in Minnesota between the National Arbitration Forum (NAF) and the Minnesota Attorney General. The NAF agreed to get out of the consumer arbitration business after Attorney General Lori Swanson’s investigation revealed material conflicts of interest and fraud.

Attorney Bleecher practices in Mechanicsburg with Pecht & Associates, PC and focuses his practice on Securities Arbitration and Litigation, Commercial and Consumer Litigation, and the many legal needs of the Small Business owner. Attorney Bleecher has

represented members of BELCO Community Credit Union, based in Harrisburg, PA, in law suits against the credit union arising from investments sold to the members by Emmor Boslet, a Certified Financial Planner and a Registered Representative with CUNA Brokerage Services, Inc. (CBSI). Attorney Bleecher also represents some of those same members/investors in FINRA arbitrations against CBSI and Boslet. He has represented investors in actions against other financial firms including Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley, Ameriprise Financial, Questar Capital Corporation, H. Beck, Inc., National Western Life Insurance Company, Keeler & Danner Financial Services, and others.

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