

The Return of the Ancient Mariner! Tales of Regulation & Practice Tips

(Time: 1 hour)

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An informal discussion among six, former state regulatory lawyers, including three general counsels, about how the lessons of private practice, federal regulatory work, and the public interest sector have given these lawyers a different perspective of state regulatory work. Discussion will include professional differences and similarities of working in private and public practices, including handling disputes and other professional quagmires.

Three of the six panelists have now returned (or will soon be returning) to the commissions where they once worked and will discuss how their outside experiences have made them more effective regulators and professionals. The other two, all of whom still work closely with state commissions, will talk about what they would do differently today if they, too, returned to their former jobs.