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Home Improvement Contractors Registration

Did you know that doing home improvements, remodeling, and repairs as a contractor, or even as a subcontractor could be a criminal offense? You may be subject to jail time, and civil and administrative penalties simply because you worked on someone's home.

As of January 1, 2006, the "Contractors' Registration Act" requires all individuals, businesses and companies of any kind that do construction or installation services as a contractor or subcontractor on any residential premises to register with the State of New Jersey as a Home Improvement Contractor.

We are providing you this Notice so that you can take action to insure that you do not inadvertently violate the new registration requirements and subject yourself to criminal liabilities, and other penalties and fines.

Things to Remember

- Immediately register as a home improvement contractor.
- All home improvement contractors must have general liability insurance in the amount of \$500,000.
- All contracts (in excess of \$500.00) and change orders of any amount are required to be in writing, and signed by the homeowner.
- Homeowners are entitled to a full refund if they cancel within three days of contracting. No provisions are made in the statute for emergency, fire, and storm repairs.

- Local officials cannot issue building permits unless the contractor shows proof of registration as a home improvement contractor.

Giordano, Halleran & Ciesla and Shareholder and Officer Sean E. Regan specializes in residential real estate development and construction, and other construction matters throughout the State of New Jersey. If you need help registering, or are subject to any investigation, claim or charges, e-mail or call Mr. Regan at sregan@ghclaw.com or (732) 741-3900, ext. 6518.

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