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**MDM&C Establishes Institute for Occupational Licensing Reform**

*Advocacy Group Will Explore Ways to Provide More Equitable Access  
for Those Seeking Professional and Vocational Licenses*

**MORRISTOWN, NJ – March 28, 2016** – McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP (“MDM&C” or “the Firm”) today announced that it has created the *Institute for Occupational Licensing Reform*, a public advocacy organization dedicated to researching industry abuses and promoting best practices that organizations and individuals can apply in their efforts to obtain professional and vocational licenses typically regulated by state licensing boards.

According to Lewis Goldfarb, who serves Of Counsel at MDM&C, the new group will address excessive and overreaching licensing regulations that are preventing many skilled workers in America – across a broad range of occupations – from practicing in their chosen fields. A report last year by the Council of Economic Advisors validated this trend.

Additionally, last February the US Supreme Court ruled that licensing boards, comprised primarily of members of regulated professions, violate Federal Antitrust Law when they extend the reach of their requirements beyond what’s necessary to protect the public interest. Subsequent to that ruling, several class actions and individual lawsuits have been filed challenging overreaching by state licensing boards and professional associations.

Mr. Goldfarb stated that, “We believe it’s possible to afford protection to consumers without stifling the upward mobility of US workers. Currently, however, the best path we see toward striking that balance is an overhaul of many existing state licensing rules.” He noted that the *Institute for Occupational Licensing Reform* will be dedicated to that effort, by serving as a clearinghouse for information designed to raise public awareness and provide practical guidance for those who are subjected to unjustified licensing practices.

Toward that end, the new organization intends to publish a bi-weekly blog, entitled “Over-Licensed,” to host educational seminars, to speak at industry events, and to serve as a public advocate before state licensing boards whose regulations unnecessarily restrain access to occupational licenses. The Firm will also continue to provide advice to State licensing boards as well as applicants seeking to reduce unnecessary licensing requirements.

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