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LOBBY SEMINAR for our Clients

- WHAT:** A seminar on new amendments to the NYS Lobby Law— free to our clients
- WHO:** Jay Adolf , legal counsel to Bolton-St. Johns
- WHEN:** Thursday, May 4th from 10:00 AM—Noon
- WHERE:** Grand Hyatt in NYC
- WHY:** There have been some major changes to the NYS Lobby laws with regards to gift giving and procurement contracts. We want our clients to well informed about the subject and to avoid any possible fines
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So where are we with the BUDGET?

As we reported to you last week, the NYS Senate and Assembly passed an on –time budget for the 2nd year in a row. The Governor has until midnight April 12th to decide how he wants to act on the budget. This week, all sides have been hard at work negotiating the issues. The Governor, who is not running for re-election, has stated that the budget submitted by the legislature spends too much and reforms too little. Mr. Pataki has two powerful tools at his command: the veto (if he does veto sections of the budget, there is the possibility that the veto will be overridden by the legislature); and the ability to disregard any budget provision that does not follow the language of his executive budget. The other key players, Assembly Speaker Silver and Senate Majority Leader Bruno say they don't anticipate vetoes, but acknowledge they need the governor's help to accomplish their spending plans. This is an election year for both the Senate and the Assembly.

The legislature will be in session on April 10th and 11th and then will be on Passover/Easter break until Monday, April 24th.

FUNDRAISERS

Monday, April 10th

Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson [D]
Ranking member—Banks
Albany, \$300

Democratic Assembly Campaign Committee
Albany, \$500

Assemblymember Patricia Eddington [D]
Chair- Libraries & Education Technology
Albany, \$350

Assemblymember David Gantt [D]
Chair—Transportation
Albany, \$300