

November 2009



## Philadelphia Chapter ASSE Local Chapter Newsletter



November 2009 Lunch Meeting  
Thursday, November 19th

### "OSHA In The Age of Obama: Perspectives Of An Employer's Counsel"

Word is circulating that OSHA will have a renewed 'vigor' under the new Obama administration – so how will that affect employers and safety professionals? Attorney Jeff Pasek, of the law firm Cozen O'Connor, will give his perspective and insight into this developing topic.

If campaign promises are an indicator of the future, the following excerpt from an Obama campaign news release regarding OSHA and MSHA promises that neglect will not be the administration's *modus operandi*: "As president, Barack Obama will assure that OSHA and MSHA - our long-neglected agencies charged with making workplaces healthy and safe — are led by people dedicated to their vital missions and have the staff and resources they need."

True to this promise, Labor Secretary Hilda Solis recently announced that OSHA will strengthen enforcement by hiring additional inspectors to provide guidance, training and outreach to employers and workers.



# MEETING AGENDA: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

10:45 AM - 11:15 AM:	Registration/Networking Opportunity
11:15 AM - 12:15 PM:	Lunch
12:15 PM - 1:15 PM:	Jeffrey I. Pasek, Esq.: " <u><i>OSHA In The Age of Obama: Perspectives Of An Employer's Counsel</i></u> "
1:15 PM	Executive Board Meeting

**PRICE: Philadelphia Chapter ASSE members: \$25\*  
Non-members : \$35**

\*-National/Local Chapter ASSE dues payment must be current at the time of pre-registration to take advantage of the discounted meeting price.

Payment **MUST** be made, by check or by cash **ONLY**, at the door on the day of the meeting. Please do **NOT** send payment via the mail. Checks should be made payable to "Philadelphia Chapter ASSE".

Deadline for pre-registration is the end of the day on **Friday, November 13th.**

Due to limited meeting space, and expected interest in this presentation, pre-registration for this meeting is **MANDATORY**. Registration will be cut off, without notice, when the number of seats available are filled.

To pre-register: Please send an email to [register@philaasse.org](mailto:register@philaasse.org), with your name, company affiliation and ASSE membership status (member/non-member).

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## Parking:

There are several parking lots/garages near the restaurant. To locate parking options, and to get an idea of prices, please [click here](#) to use the Philadelphia Parking Authority's Parking Locator web site (this link defaults to garages/lots near the restaurant and the Convention Center).



## Public Transportation:

One of the entrances to the Market East regional rail station is on the opposite corner of 12th and Filbert Streets from the restaurant. This is a central line for the suburbs; the subway drops off at 12th and Market.



## Jeffrey I. Pasek

Jeffrey I. Pasek is a Member of Cozen O'Connor and a former Chair of the firm's Labor & Employment Practice Group. He concentrates in representing management in all facets of labor and employment law such as litigation and counseling on wrongful discharge and employment discrimination claims, maintaining a union-free environment, collective bargaining, occupational safety and health, whistleblower claims, wage and hour, affirmative action compliance, workplace torts and employee benefits litigation.

Called upon regularly as a course planner and speaker in continuing legal education programs, Jeff has served as a speaker on labor and employment law and on legal ethics for such groups as the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, the American Arbitration Association, the University of Pennsylvania Law School Center of Professionalism, and the American Bar Association Labor and Employment Law Section. On behalf of the ABA Labor and Employment Section Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity Law, Jeff served as regional liaison and helped train lawyers and investigators from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

He is active in the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, where he has served as a member of the executive committee of the board of directors, and chairman of the Industrial Relations Committee, Government Affairs Committee, and Candidate Selection Committee of the Chamber's PAC. He has been selected as a Pennsylvania "Super Lawyer" by his peers each year since 2005, appearing in *Philadelphia* magazine and *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers*. Jeff was also named to the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Jeff is the author of numerous articles, including "Corporate Investigations: Their Hidden Traps...And How to Avoid Them," *The Corporate Counselor* (2003); "Crisis Management: Human Resource Issues Before and After Catastrophe Strikes," *HR Magazine* (2002); "Competing in the Information Age: Protecting Your Company Against Unfair Competition," *Human Resources Emerging Trends and Hottest Issues*, Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry Educational Foundation (1999); "Religion in the Workplace," *Human Resource Professional*, Vol. 10, No. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1997); "Risks Associated With Hiring Independent Contractors," *Philadelphia Construction News*, Vol. 17, No. 64 (Oct. 27, 1993); "Compliance By the Private Sector with the Americans with Disabilities Act," *Pennsylvania Bar Quarterly* (1991); "The New Immigration Law: What a General Practitioner Needs to Know," *Pennsylvania Bar Quarterly* (1987); "Violence as an Unfair Labor Practice," *Human Resources Commentator* (1985); "Employment Discrimination," *Lawyer to Lawyer Video Course*, Pennsylvania Bar Institute (1983); "Statistics: The Name of the Game in EEO Cases," Pennsylvania Chamber of Commerce (1980). From 1998-2002, he co-edited a chapter on Religious Discrimination in Lindholm & Grossman, *Employment Discrimination Law* published by the Bureau of National Affairs. Jeff also authored chapters on Employment Law and Employment Practices Liability Insurance in @Risk Version 2.0 – The definitive guide to legal issues of insurance and reinsurance of Internet and e-commerce and cyber perils, R. Hammesfahr editor © 2002, Reactions Publishing Group Ltd., London.

Jeff is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York, and has tried cases and argued appeals in the federal courts throughout the United States, including before the U.S. Supreme Court.

# Directions to Maggiano's Little Italy

1201 Filbert Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
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MAGGIANO'S IN CENTER CITY PHILADELPHIA,  
AND NOT AT OUR NORMAL MEETING LOCATION IN KING OF PRUSSIA**

## **FROM BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BRIDGE:**

- Follow signs for PA Convention Center/Vine Street.
- Follow Vine to 12<sup>th</sup> St. and turn LEFT on 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Go 3 blocks down to Filbert Street. Maggiano's is on the right corner.

## **FROM WALT WHITMAN BRIDGE:**

- 76 West to I-676 East.
- Exit on Convention Center & Broad Street Exit.
- At the traffic light go straight.
- Proceed to 12<sup>th</sup> Street and make a RIGHT.
- Go 2-3 blocks to Filbert Street. Maggiano's is on the right side.

## **FROM KING OF PRUSSIA AREA:**

- Take 76 East to I-676 East.
- Exit at Broad Street/Convention Center.
- Go straight through light & make a RIGHT on to 12<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Go 2-3 blocks to Filbert Street. Maggiano's is on the right side.

## **FROM THE PHILADELPHIA AIRPORT:**

- Take 95 North.
- Get off at Columbus Blvd. Exit.
- At bottom of ramp, turn LEFT onto Columbus Blvd.
- Look for the Hyatt Hotel on right, & immediately following, turn RIGHT onto Market Street.
- Take ramp to top and turn LEFT and cross over Columbus Blvd. You are now on Market Street.
- Follow down to 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Turn RIGHT.
- Go 1 Block to Filbert Street and Turn RIGHT.
- Go down to 12<sup>th</sup> Street & Maggiano's is on your left at the corner.

## Upcoming Philadelphia Chapter ASSE Meetings

Planned upcoming meeting topics are listed below: please check our web site for dates and times

**Wednesday, October 28th**: “Preparing for the H1N1 Virus” (joint meeting with the Philadelphia Section AIHA)

**December**: Chapter Holiday Social Event (*details to be announced*)

**January**: Contractor Safety (*details to be announced*)

**February**: Topic and details to be announced

**March**: In-Vehicle Safety Technology (*details to be announced*)

**April**: (Tentative) Tour of the Delaware County Fire Academy (*details to be announced*)

**May**: NFPA 70E (*details to be announced*)

**June 13th—16th**: Safety 2010 (Professional Development Conference and Exposition):  
Baltimore Convention Center (Baltimore, MD)

## 2009 Northeast Regional Industrial Hygiene Conference and Exposition

*“The Business of EHS: A New Team Dynamic”*

Friday, December 4th, 2009

Hyatt Regency Hotel (New Brunswick, NJ)

For more information, please visit the Philadelphia Section AIHA web site at  
[www.philaaiha.com/NEIHC.htm](http://www.philaaiha.com/NEIHC.htm)

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