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SCDCA Appoints Deputy Administrator



Columbia, SC... Carri Grube Lybarker, Administrator of the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (SCDCA), announces the appointment of Martha "Marti" Phillips as a Deputy Administrator.

Ms. Phillips currently serves as the Director of SCDCA's new Identity Theft Unit. In this capacity, she has developed processes for assisting identity theft victims, educated the public on preventing identity theft and oversees the administration and enforcement of the Financial Identity Fraud and Identity Theft Protection Act. She joined the SCDCA in 2011 as a staff attorney and assisted in the administration and enforcement of the South Carolina Consumer Credit Counseling Act, the South Carolina Physical Fitness Services Act, and the Uniform Athlete Agents Act.

Before joining SCDCA, Marti was employed by the U.S. Army as a financial counselor at Fort Jackson, SC where she assisted active duty and retired military, family members, and Army civilians with their financial affairs. Prior to that, she worked as an associate attorney primarily in the areas of residential mortgage foreclosures and evictions, representing mortgage lenders and servicers in real estate foreclosure actions throughout South Carolina.

Ms. Phillips is a member of the South Carolina Bar, the Richland County Bar Association, and the South Carolina Women Lawyers Association and has previously served as Chair of the National Association of Consumer Credit Administrators Membership Committee.

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She received a Juris Doctor from Mississippi College School of Law, a Master of Public Administration from the University of South Carolina, and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Marketing from Clemson University.

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