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Catherine LaMarr is general counsel for the Office of the Treasurer, State of Connecticut. She has served for more than 19 years as a valued adviser to one of the nation's most powerful and dynamic elected financial officials and managed all legal matters for a multi-billion dollar governmental financial institution. As such, she is responsible for managing all legal aspects of the banking, investment and debt management functions for the Office of the Treasurer, including closing nearly than \$15 billion of investments in private markets and contracts for management of more than \$20 billion assets under management. Catherine assisted the Treasurer in developing and implementing the policy of transparency that has become a model for disclosure of placement agent fees employed by pension fund investors in multiple states and was incorporated into recent SEC rulemaking.

Committed to knowing every aspect of her clients' business operations, Atty. LaMarr brought a measure of private-sector structure to the Office of the Treasurer. She built the Treasury's first formal in-house legal unit and manages a pool of more than two dozen law firms that furnish a wide range of sophisticated professional services to the Office. Under her direction, the Office's contracts were substantially reworked and are negotiated implementing best practices, as one aspect of an Asset Recovery and Loss Prevention program that not only initially recovered nearly \$1 billion dollars (including actual cash recovery and cancellation of other obligations) and continues to save the state millions of dollars annually, but has also generated more than \$50 million of cash since inception. The Connecticut Law Tribune named the Treasury's legal unit 2017 Legal Department of the Year. She also manages the judiciously but effectively used tool of litigation for the Office, recently achieving a significant win at the Supreme Court of the United States in *Amgen v. Connecticut Retirement Plans and Trust Funds*.

Atty. LaMarr received her J.D. from the Howard University School of Law and her B.A. from Cornell University.