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Barbara DeMarco is Vice-President of Porzio Governmental Affairs. Considered one of the state's premiere state lobbyists on casino, pari-mutuel and internet gaming, Ms. DeMarco has seen over 3 dozen gaming related bills signed into law since she began working on these issues in 1997. Her most recent success was the passage of a law permitting exchange wagering over the internet in New Jersey making New Jersey only the second state to permit this form of gaming. In early 2000, she helped engineer both the passage of the constitutional referendum and the enabling legislation that permitted off-track wagering and phone/internet wagering in New Jersey. In 2010, Barbara sought amendments to this law at the urging of her clients to allow for horsemen's ownership of the off track wagering facilities. This new bill became law in February 2011.

Barbara has authored numerous articles, OP ED's and guest columns on both gaming and racing for every major newspaper in New Jersey. She also has written extensively on the state's agricultural industries from cranberry growing and production to horse breeding. She has been interviewed on NJ101.5 and NJN News and has appeared on various regional cable and news programs.

Focused on education reform, specifically early childhood education, charter school expansion, special education and school choice policy, Ms. DeMarco believes that every child deserves a quality education that is based on the child's needs. Barbara chaired the New Jersey School Choice and Education Reform Alliance's Subcommittees on preschool education and special education. She authored the SCA's transition recommendations to Governor elect Christie on these important issues.

Prior to joining PGA, Ms. DeMarco worked as an independent governmental affairs consultant and lobbyist. She also served as Vice President of Marketing and Communication for Nancy H. Becker Associates and Director of Legislative and Advocacy Services for the ARC of New Jersey. In addition, she served as an aide to Governor Thomas H. Kean and Speaker Chuck Hardwick. Ms. DeMarco has extensive campaign experience on the national, state, county and local levels.

Barbara holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Fine Arts from Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA. In her junior year at Dickinson, Ms. DeMarco was awarded an internship with the United Nations in Vienna, Austria working in their Disabled Persons Unit. She was also named a Lindback Scholarship finalist. Since graduating from college, she has accumulated credits toward a Master's Degree in Public Policy and Administration from Rutgers University. She plans to finish her Master's degree in the near future.