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SC Department of Consumer Affairs Appoints Deputy Director



Columbia, SC... ...Brandolyn Thomas Pinkston, Administrator of the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (“SCDCA”), announces the appointment of Carri Grube Lybarker as the Deputy Director of Public Information, Consumer Services and Education. She has been Acting Director of Public Information since July 2010.

Ms. Lybarker graduated from Winthrop University in 2001 and received her J.D. from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 2005. She began her career with the Department in June 2004 as a law clerk, later becoming a Staff Attorney assisting in the administration

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and enforcement of the South Carolina Consumer Protection Code. Over a four year period, she and her staff recovered approximately \$4.3 million in consumer refunds from credit counseling organizations, including foreclosure rescue companies.

Ms. Lybarker is a frequent presenter on consumer protection topics, including identity theft, credit counseling and debt collection, before consumer and industry groups. She has had the opportunity to travel the nation to speak about laws the Department enforces and has appeared on numerous television and radio broadcasts to discuss consumer fraud and credit issues.

Ms. Lybarker currently serves as a Member of the Consumer Law Council of the South Carolina Bar and is Vice Chair of the Consumer Education Committee of the National Association of Consumer Credit Administrators. She is admitted to practice law in South Carolina and before the United States District Court of South Carolina.