

## Feb. 22 Book Forum with Dick Carpenter, Co-author, 'Bottleneckers'

ATLANTA, GEORGIA, UNITED STATES, February 2, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Left, Right and Center all hate them: powerful special interests who use government power for their own private benefit. Now there is a new, artful and memorable one-word pejorative to describe those who abuse government power in this way: "Bottleneckers."

"Bottleneckers: Gaming the Government for Power and Private Profit," is a new book from the Institute for Justice by Dick Carpenter and Chip Mellor (Encounter Books, \$27.99). As the Institute for Justice puts it:

A "bottleneck" is anyone who uses government power to limit competition, thereby reaping monopoly profits and other benefits. Bottleneckers work with politicians to constrict competition, entrepreneurial innovation and opportunity; they limit consumer choice; they drive up consumer prices; and they support politicians who willingly overstep the constitutional limits of their powers to create, maintain and expand these anticompetitive bottlenecks.

"Bottleneckers" is also the subject of the [Georgia Public Policy Foundation's 8 a.m. Leadership Breakfast](#) on Wednesday, February 22 at Cobb County's Georgian Club. The speaker for this book forum with the Institute for Justice is co-author Dick Carpenter, who is also director for strategic research at the Arlington, Va.-based Institute for Justice.

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Join the discussion about "Bottleneckers" as Carpenter describes his research on the abusers and victims of protectionist regulations: alcohol distributors (who gave bottleneckers their name) casket cartels, cosmetologists, interior designers, tour guides and street vendors, to name a few.

This Leadership Breakfast, which is open to the public, is \$30 to attend. Attendees will have an opportunity to purchase books for signing by Carpenter.

[Register online here](#) by Monday, February 20, or make your check out to Georgia Public Policy Foundation and mail to 3200 Cobb Galleria Parkway, Suite 214, Atlanta GA 30339. (Difficulty registering? Contact [benitadodd@georgiapolicy.org](mailto:benitadodd@georgiapolicy.org) or call Benita Dodd at 404-256-4050.)



Media interested in attending must contact Benita Dodd.

What: “Bottleneckers,’ a Book Forum,” a Leadership Breakfast

Who: Dick Carpenter

When: 8 a.m. Wednesday, February 22, 2017 (Registration, networking begin at 7:30 a.m.)

Where: Georgian Club, 100 Galleria Parkway, Suite 1700, Atlanta GA 30339

Directions: <http://bit.ly/Y4Yyjc>

Attire: Business, business casual

Refund policy: Refunds provided upon request for registrations canceled before an event’s deadline.

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