New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie today signed the Trade Secrets Act (A-921, or "the Act"), significantly enhancing protection for trade secret owners in the state and finally bringing New Jersey in line with 46 other states with legislation that protects businesses and individuals from misappropriation of their trade secrets.

As reported in our advisory of December 21, 2011, both the Assembly and Senate had approved the Act unanimously in recent weeks, and the Governor’s signature was widely anticipated. The legislation marks a tremendous victory for trade secret protection in New Jersey. It also provides an opportunity for companies to take stock of their proprietary information and to make certain they have policies and procedures in place to protect it. For more information about the provisions and importance of the new law, click here to read our earlier advisory.

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