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Where: Coeur d'Alene Resort in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

When: October 12-14, 2005

Hotel Room Block Cut-Off: September 9, 2005

Hotel Reservation Number: 1-800-688-5253

Conference Registration

The fall WSAMA conference will be held at Coeur d'Alene Resort in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. This is the first time we have ever met at this five-star resort, which is just one-half hour from Spokane. Also, for the first time we will have an additional pre-conference seminar on Wednesday afternoon from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to allow an opportunity to provide more detailed coverage on a topic area. The topic will be Open Government and the subjects covered will include Public Records, Open Meetings, Appearance of Fairness, and Ethics.

The following materials needed to register for this conference are available on the WSAMA website at www.wsama.org:

- Preliminary Agenda
- WSAMA Conference Registration Form
- Optional Golf Scramble Form
- Open Government Seminar Agenda

Hotel Registration

Conference attendees should make their own hotel reservations directly with Coeur d'Alene Resort at the following toll-free number: 1-800-688-5253.

There are different categories of rooms at the Coeur d'Alene Resort and the rates depend on the category selected: Economy \$129; Deluxe \$149; Premier \$189. Be aware that there are a limited number of economy rooms available. This rate applies for both single or double

occupancy. The rate is guaranteed only until September 9, so please make your room reservations early. Also be sure to identify yourself as an attendee at the WSAMA conference to obtain the discounted room rate. The reduced room rate will apply to the Tuesday night preceding the conference but not to the Friday night following the conference.

The Coeur d'Alene Resort is a beautiful conference and hotel facility right on the shores of Lake Coeur d'Alene. For more information, check their website at www.cdaresort.com.

The Coeur d'Alene Resort is easy to reach by automobile via Interstate 90 (Exit 11) or Highway 95 (Northwest Blvd). From the exit, follow the directions to downtown and watch for the Resort on your right.

There are other motels in the nearby vicinity with less expensive rates. We also have a small room block at the Coeur d'Alene Inn, which is a Best Western located about 10 to 15 minutes from the resort. The room rate there is \$89 a night if you identify yourself as a WSAMA conference attendee. Their toll-free number is 1-800-251-7829.

Program Highlights

We will meet in the usual all-day Thursday and one-half day Friday format for this conference.

As usual, we try to cover as many facets of municipal law as possible with a mix of basic nuts and bolts topics along with some more specialized areas of the law. This conference will feature, among other topics, an update on recent developments in the law related to regulatory takings, public records, nuts and bolts on right-of-way management, and hot topics in finance. Also, most of the major areas of municipal law will be highlighted with updates in tort law, criminal law, land use law, personnel law. In addition, attendees will qualify for at least one hour of ethics.

We will have the usual concurrent criminal track on Thursday afternoon. Presentations will be made on Indian law trial issues, search and seizure, and *Crawford* and hearsay. Also, there will be presentations on how to advise probation and courts regarding out-of-state probationers, and experiences with the new DWLS law.

We have requested 10.25 hours of total CLE credits for this conference, which will include one hour of ethics for most attendees. If you attend the pre-conference seminar Wednesday afternoon, that will be an additional 3.75 hours of CLE credits.

Criminal justice reimbursement will be available for up to \$50 for those who travel at least 50 miles to attend the conference and stay overnight in a commercial facility.

See the preliminary agenda for the full list of topics and speakers!

Social Highlights

There will be a welcome reception on Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. at the hotel. Thursday evening there will be a reception held on a boat that will cruise Lake Coeur d'Alene for two hours! The resort operates a cruise boat, the Mish-An-Nock, that can easily and comfortably hold our group – there is outdoor seating but plenty of room indoors if the weather does not cooperate. The boat departs and returns from right next to the hotel so no driving is necessary.

We want to thank our sponsors who make our receptions possible: Kenyon Disend; Foster Pepper & Shefelman; Ogden Murphy Wallace; and Preston Gates & Ellis. We want to particularly thank our newest sponsor, Keating, Bucklin & McCormack, a law firm specializing in representation of government agencies.

There will also be a lunch on Thursday. The speaker for the lunch will be former Supreme Court Justice Faith Ireland, who recently retired from the court.

In addition, there will be the usual continental breakfast on Thursday and a full course breakfast on Friday morning.

Open Government Seminar

The Open Government Seminar will be held on Wednesday afternoon, October 12, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., preceding the main conference. This is the first time such a pre-conference seminar has been held except for the New Municipal Attorney Seminar.

The concept is to focus on one area of municipal law in more detail than is possible at the regular conference. If this is successful, future seminars will cover additional areas of municipal law, such as land use, personnel, and public works and contracting.

There is no additional cost for attendance at this seminar, but please mark the WSAMA registration form if you plan to attend.

Enclosed is a list of topics for this portion of the program. A manual with additional written information on each subject area will be distributed to seminar attendees.

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So please take a minute to check your contact information, and specifically your e-mail address, to be sure it is accurate (particularly if it has changed in the last two years). The WSAMA membership directory is in electronic format on the WSAMA website at www.wsama.org. Information can be searched instantly by the last name of the member.

Conference Questions?

If you have any questions about the fall conference in Coeur d'Alene, contact either Donita Mowers or Patrick Mason at the Municipal Research and Services Center:

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