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2006 Fall Conference Edition

Where: Davenport Hotel, Spokane Washington

When: October 4-6, 2006

Hotel Room Block Cut-Off: September 7, 2006

Hotel Reservation Number: 1-800-899-1482

Conference Registration

The fall WSAMA conference will be held at the Davenport Hotel in Spokane, Washington on October 4-6, 2006. The Davenport Hotel was totally renovated and restored in 2002 and is now a AAA Four Diamond Property. This should be a memorable conference experience for all attendees.

In addition to our usual conference schedule on Thursday and Friday, there will be a four-hour preconference seminar on Wednesday afternoon devoted to Personnel Law, with some of the leading experts in personnel law in the state for instructors.

The materials needed to register for both the main conference and the preconference seminar are available on the WSAMA Web site at www.wsama.org:

- Preliminary Agenda
- WSAMA Conference Registration Form
- Optional Golf Scramble Form
- Personnel Law Seminar Agenda
- WSAMA News – Conference Edition

Hotel Registration

Conference attendees should make their own hotel reservations directly with the Davenport Hotel at the following toll-free number: 1-800-899-1482.

The room rate for this conference depends on the type of room selected – all rates are for single or double occupancy:

Standard Room – \$139

Deluxe Room – \$159

This rate is only guaranteed until **September 7**, so please make your room reservations early! Also be sure to identify yourself as an attendee at the WSAMA conference to obtain the reduced room rate. The hotel will honor the same guest room rate for those who arrive early or stay over the weekend following the conference, based on room availability.

Program Highlights

We will meet in the usual all-day Thursday and one-half day Friday format. We have requested 9.75 hours of CLE credits total – this includes 1.0 hours of ethics credits. If you attend the Personnel Law Seminar on Wednesday afternoon, there will be an additional 3.75 hours of CLE credits.

Initiative 933, the Property Rights Initiative, will be the subject of a session at the main conference and a luncheon presentation. The conference presentation will be an overview of the provisions of the initiative itself and a review of legal restrictions on public entities supporting or opposing ballot propositions. At the luncheon, we have invited two speakers with different perspectives on the meaning and implications of Initiative 933 to provide their viewpoints, with an opportunity for questions.

In addition, the program will include a session on downtown revitalization, a public duty doctrine update, a review of the Criminal Records Privacy Act, and a look at waiver of the attorney-client privilege. There will also be updates on most of the major areas of municipal law, including criminal law, personnel law and land use law.

There will be a concurrent criminal law session on Thursday afternoon. This session will feature several topics of interest – including effective use of pretrial proceedings, prosecutorial authority and limits on judicial power, and dealing with statutory and other defenses in negotiations with defense counsel.

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!

Personnel Law Seminar

The Personnel Law Seminar will be held on Wednesday afternoon, October 4 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., preceding the main conference. This seminar is for all attorneys, regardless of length of service in municipal law and is NOT just for newer municipal attorneys (who are also welcome of course).

This seminar will provide an overview of the principal subjects of personnel law, with issues beginning with the process of interviewing and hiring and proceeding to disciplinary actions and termination. Coverage will include managing the alphabet soup of government regulations, such as ADA, FMLA, FLSA and Industrial Insurance, and also wage and overtime issues under state and federal law.

We have an outstanding faculty of experts in the area of personnel law to present at this seminar, including **Mark Busto** of Sebris Busto, **Steve DiJulio** and **Julie Kebler** of Foster Pepper, and **Bruce Schroeder** of Summit Law Group. There will be ample time for attendees to ask questions of the panel also.

The cost of the New Municipal Attorney Seminar is \$50 and attendees will receive 3.75 CLE credits. Please mark the WSAMA registration form if you plan to attend so we have some idea of attendance.

Enclosed is a separate agenda for this portion of the program. A manual for those attorneys who attend this portion of the conference will be distributed to seminar attendees, with additional written information on each topic.

Social Highlights!

There will be a welcome reception on Wednesday evening and also a hosted reception Thursday evening for attendees. We want to thank our sponsors who make our receptions possible: **Kenyon Disend; Foster Pepper; Ogden Murphy Wallace; Preston Gates & Ellis; Keating Bucklin & McCormack; and Karen Willie/Queen Anne Arbitration and Mediation Services.**

The golf scramble will be held on Friday afternoon at Qualchan Golf Course. The rate for the eighteen hole scramble is \$36, which includes golf cart.

There will be a luncheon on Thursday and the usual continental breakfast Thursday morning and full breakfast Friday morning.

Conference Questions?

If you have any questions about the fall conference at the Davenport Hotel, contact either **Donita Knutson** or **Patrick Mason** at Municipal Research and Services Center:

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