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Where

Suncadia Resort near Cle Elum, Washington

When

October 15-17, 2008

Hotel Room Block Cut-Off

September 15, 2008

Hotel Reservation Number

(866) 904-6300



Conference Registration

The spring WSAMA conference will be held at Suncadia Resort, in Cle Elum, Washington on October 15-17, 2008. This is the first time WSAMA has ever met at Suncadia Resort. It is actually a brand new facility, which just opened in the spring of 2008.

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

- Preliminary Agenda
- WSAMA Conference Registration Form
- Optional Golf Scramble Form
- New Municipal Attorney Training Topic Areas

Hotel Registration

Conference attendees should make their own hotel reservations directly with Suncadia Resort at (866) 904-6300. The room rates are at three levels:

Guestroom - \$145, Studio - \$165 and 1 Bedroom Suite - \$185. Be sure to identify yourself as a WSAMA conference attendee to be eligible for the conference rates.

This rate is guaranteed until **September 15, 2008** so please make your room reservations early! The hotel will honor the same guest room rate for three days on either side of the conference for those who arrive early or stay over the weekend following the conference.

Program Highlights

We will meet in the usual all-day Thursday and one-half day Friday format for the main program. We have requested 9.75 hours of CLE credits total – this includes 1.5 hour of ethics credits. If you attend the New Municipal Attorney Seminar on Wednesday afternoon, there will be an additional four hours of CLE credits.

The program will cover most of the principle areas of municipal law – there will be updates on criminal law, tort law, telecommunications law, land use law and personnel law.

There will be a panel discussion of public records on the program because that has become such a significant concern to most cities and towns. This panel will be followed by an open government roundtable so there will be a major segment of the program devoted to public records and open meetings.

The program will also cover in more detail a variety of other topics, including religious land use law, police use of force, nuts and bolts of executive/council authority, and how RCW 82.02.020 affects land use decision-making.

There will be a concurrent criminal law session on Thursday afternoon. There will be a trial practice session, a discussion of diversionary strategies, options and ramifications and an ethics panel on counsel at arraignment and strategies to minimize costs.

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!

New Municipal Attorney Seminar

The New Municipal Attorney Seminar will be held on Wednesday afternoon, October 15, from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m., preceding the main conference. While the seminar is primarily for newer municipal attorneys, it is open to any WSAMA member who wishes to attend.

This seminar will provide a very brief overview of the principal subjects of municipal law, with an emphasis on providing direction to resources where additional information may be obtained, since it is impossible to cover all these topics in any depth in such a short time period.

The cost of the New Municipal Attorney Seminar is \$50 and attendees will receive four CLE credits. Please mark the WSAMA registration form if you plan to attend so we have some idea of attendance. If there are municipal attorneys in your office who desire to attend just this portion of the conference, mark that on the registration form and send it back to MRSC with the \$50 registration fee.

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

Social Highlights!

There will be a welcome reception on Wednesday night from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

We want to thank our sponsors whose generous contributions have made this reception possible: **Kenyon Disend; Foster Pepper; Ogden Murphy Wallace; K & L Preston Gates & Ellis; and Keating Bucklin & McCormack.**

The golf scramble will be held on Friday afternoon at the course. Information on the course and rates is included on the Golf Scramble form.

There will be a luncheon on Thursday. There will also be a hosted reception Thursday night so members can socialize and network. In addition, the conference registration includes a continental breakfast Thursday morning and full breakfast Friday morning.

WCIA Conference Credit

The Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA) has approved this conference for Compact Credit for their members.

Conference Questions???

If you have any questions about the spring conference at Suncadia Resort contact either **Donita Knutson** or **Patrick Mason** at the Municipal Research and Services Center:

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