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2010 Fall Conference Edition

Where

Suncadia Resort near Cle Elum, Washington

When

October 13 - 15, 2010

Hotel Room Block Cut-Off

September 13, 2010

Hotel Reservation Number

1-866-904-6300

Conference Registration

The fall WSAMA conference will be held at Suncadia Resort near Cle Elum, Washington. We held our fall conference at Suncadia two years ago and it was so popular with our members that we decided to return this year.

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 1-866-904-6300. The hotel is offering us the same basic rate for a room that we paid two years ago: \$149 for deluxe rooms per night and \$169 for deluxe view rooms. There is an additional \$20 a night resort fee which covers in-room wireless internet access, in-room coffee, parking, and access to the swim and fitness center. Be sure to identify yourself as a WSAMA conference attendee to be eligible for the conference rates.

This rate is guaranteed until **September 13, 2010** so please make your room reservations early! The hotel will honor the same conference room rate for those who arrive up to three days early or stay over three days after the conference (on a space-available basis).

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 1.25 hours of ethics credits. If you attend the New Municipal Attorney Seminar on Wednesday afternoon, there will be an additional 4.0 hours of CLE credits.

The program will cover most of the principal areas of municipal law – there will be presentations related to criminal law, tort law, personnel law, and land use law.

In addition, there will be specific presentations on managing use of social media, understanding the Criminal Records Privacy Act, NPDES citizen suits and permit renewal process, media relations for government lawyers, and a review of what new legislative proposals are expected for the 2011 session.

There will be 1.25 hours of ethics credits as part of the program. One ethics presentation will focus on managing ethical screens within your office; and the other will focus on recognizing and managing internal client conflicts in your municipality.

There will be a concurrent criminal law session on Thursday afternoon. One focus of this session will be DUI for the prosecutor – the science and legal framework of the uncertainty motion. Additional topics will include landlord-tenant law for the prosecutor, RALJ and Writs – Nuts and Bolts, and an overview of the new Statewide Electronic Collision and Ticket Online Records (SECTOR) program.

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 13, from 1:00 p.m. to 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.

There is a separate agenda for this portion of the program on the WSAMA web site. 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 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

We want to thank our sponsors whose generous contributions have made our receptions possible: **Kenyon Disend; Foster Pepper; Ogden Murphy Wallace; K & L Preston Gates Ellis; Insee, Best, Doezie & Ryder; Keating, Bucklin & McCormack, and GordonDerr.**

The golf scramble will be held on Friday afternoon at the Prospector golf course at Suncadia. The rate for the 18-hole scramble is \$65, which includes golf cart and range balls.

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 a full breakfast Friday morning.

WCIA Conference Credit

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

Legal Notes – Paper Copy or USB Flash Drive

We will still be making conference materials available to attendees in either electronic format on a flash drive or in paper copy. You can select when you register which version of materials you want, or both if that is your preference.

All conference papers that we receive ahead of the conference will be posted and the members notified that the papers are available to download and bring to the conference. Then conference attendees will be given the option of registering at a lower conference registration fee and not receive any additional materials at the conference. In the alternative, conference attendees can select and pay an additional fee for either the conference materials loaded on a flash drive, or paper copies bound in *Legal Notes*, or both.

Remember all the conference papers will be posted on the WSAMA web site within two weeks of the conclusion of the conference and are available to all members.

Questions???

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

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