

Town Law Conference

Friday, September 30, 2022

Virtual Event

\$150 Attorneys

\$50 Non-Attorney Municipal Officials

Register at: www.wisctowns.com

AGENDA

8:25am Welcome and Introductions

8:30-9:30am Guide to the Eminent Domain Process and Litigation Concerns:

This session will give an overview of the process of acquiring property by eminent domain under Wis. Stat. Ch 32. There are two different procedures depending upon the purpose for which the property is being acquired. This presentation will describe the different procedures and highlight their similarities and differences. Further, because the threat of litigation is always present whenever the power of eminent domain is exercised, this presentation will discuss the major issues about which condemnors must be aware as they work through the process. Presented by Atty. Matt Fleming, Murphy Desmond SC.

9:30-10:30am Overview of Federal and State Employment Laws — What Town Employers and Their Attorneys Need to Know to Minimize the Risk of Discrimination Claims:

Navigating employment law issues can be complex and confusing. Identifying issues and spotting potential problems is critical for smaller employers. This presentation will identify the major federal and state employment laws that town employers and their attorneys need to be familiar with in order to minimize the risk of discrimination claims. Presented by Atty. Aggie Raynor, Crivello Carlson, SC.

10:30-10:45am Break

10:45-11:45am Advice for Dealing with Nuisance Properties and Dilapidated Buildings:

Every town has nuisance properties, and they are notoriously difficult to deal with. This session will cover best practices to make the process as painless as possible. It will include why your Town should have a public nuisance ordinance and what it should say, whether a property should be addressed using your nuisance enforcement authority, a raze order, or both, and best practices for town officials. Presented by Atty. Matt Parmentier, Dempsey Law Firm, LLP.

11:45am-1:00pm Lunch Break

1:00pm-2:00pm Managing Stormwater and Surface Water Runoff — A Legal Perspective:

This session will begin with a historical review of how the law treated surface water runoff management and how the law has developed to today. It will discuss future challenges and opportunities for managing stormwater in both urban and rural settings. Presented by Atty. Paul Kent, Stafford Rosenbaum, LLP.

2:00pm-3:00pm Understanding the Code of Ethics for Local Public Officials

This presentation will include a detailed review of Wisconsin's Code of Ethics for Local Public Officials as well as other notable laws that govern the conduct of town officials, employees, and candidates. Come learn about how to handle conflicts of interest, disposition of gifts, and get ideas for your own local ethics ordinance. Presented by Atty. David Buerger, Staff Counsel, Wisconsin Ethics Commission.

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