

Town Law Conference

Friday, October 31, 2025 - Virtual Event

\$175 Attorneys • \$60 Non-Attorney Municipal Officials

Register at: www.wisctowns.com

AGENDA

8:55am Welcome

9:00am-10:30am Wisconsin Public Records Law:

This session will review the essential concepts of the state public records law and then explore the common questions that arise with regard to storage, retention, and access to electronic records. Presented by Assistant Attorney General Paul Ferguson from the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Office of Open Government.

10:30am-10:45am Break

10:45am-11:45am Making Waves and Harnessing the Wind:

Whether your town is thinking about regulating wake boats or wind turbines, it's important to understand the limits of your regulatory authority and bear in mind some best practice tips for drafting defensible ordinances on these controversial subjects. Presented by Atty. Remzy Bitar, Municipal Law and Litigation Group, S.C.

11:45am-1:00pm Lunch Break

1:00pm-1:55pm Towns Under County Zoning --- and the Rezoning Process:

This session will review the rezoning process for towns under county zoning and provide in-depth analysis from a recent Wisconsin Court of Appeals decision which highlights the importance for towns under county zoning or town zoning to keep comprehensive plans and ordinances up to date to best preserve local decision making as part of the rezoning process. Presented by Atty. Rick Manthe, Stafford Rosenbaum, LLP.

1:55pm-2:00pm Break

2:00pm-3:00pm Room Tax Basics from Creation to Collection:

This presentation will outline the process for towns to establish a room tax, including the legal requirements and administration. It will detail the responsibilities of towns and lodging providers in collection and remittance. Finally, the presentation will explain the regulations governing the use of these funds. Presented by Atty. Sean P. Griffin and Atty. Andrew J. Adams, West and Dunn LLC.

***This program will be submitted to the Wisconsin Board of Bar Examiners for 5 CLE credits.**

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