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Public and private attorneys who litigate cases involving public agencies; public officials responsible for conducting meetings and managing public records

Sixth Annual Seminar on

Public Records and Open Government Litigation

An update on major changes with tips for addressing sophisticated issues with practical solutions



August 20, 2019
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- 8:30 Registrations Opens
- 9:00 Introduction & Overview
 - Katherine A. George, Esq., *Program Co-Chair***
Johnston George ~ Seattle, WA
 - Adrian Urquhart Winder, Esq., *Program Co-Chair***
Foster Pepper ~ Seattle, WA
- 9:15 Public Records in the 2019 Legislative Session
 - Perspectives on the range of bills introduced, the political dynamics and end results, and practical implications for day to day PRA requests and response obligations
 - Katherine A. George, Esq., *Program Co-Chair***
 - Kathleen J. Haggard, Esq.**
Porter Foster Rorick ~ Seattle, WA
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 Access to and Protection of Personal Information in Public Records
 - Personal information: Changes in the realm of bodycams, criminal records, constitutional privacy issues with employee birth-dates, and public employee privacy; other recent and pending issues
 - Ramsey E. Ramerman, Esq., *Assistant City Attorney***
City of Everett ~ Everett, WA
 - Eric M. Stahl, Esq.**
Davis Wright Tremaine ~ Seattle, WA
- 12:15 Lunch (on your own)

- 1:30 Protection of Commercially Sensitive Information
 - Practical problems with protecting business information (the Lyft ruling, the injunction suit trend, and the Sunshine Committee proposal)
 - James E. Lobsenz, Esq.**
Carney Badley Spellman ~ Seattle, WA
 - Jonathan R. Rappaport, Esq.**
Law Office of Jonathan R. Rappaport ~ Seattle, WA
 - Brendan T. Mangano, Esq.**
Davis Wright Tremaine ~ Seattle, WA
- 3:15 Break
- 3:30 Open Public Meetings Act
 - Understanding the OPMA: When committees are covered; when emails constitute meetings; when closures are allowed
 - Sarah Doar, Esq., *Legal Consultant***
Municipal Research and Services Center ~ Seattle, WA
- 4:15 Public Disclosure Commission Standards for Permissible Political Activity
 - Update on recent revisions; relationship to open government issues; special issues for government attorneys
 - Lee R. Marachisio, Esq.**
Foster Pepper ~ Seattle, WA
 - Thomas F. Ahearne, Esq.**
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- 5:00 Evaluations and Adjourn

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About the Seminar

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What previous attendees have said:

“A great seminar, great moderators, and very useful information!”

“All excellent!”

“Thank you! Our agency is already better and so is a sister agency thanks to your input.”

We have a lot to talk about at this year's rendition of the public records seminar, with major litigation in a number of areas and resulting activity in the legislature. Our opening panel will bring you up to speed on the range of bills introduced, the political dynamics, and the implications for your day-to-day PRA work.

Issues at the intersection of public access to information and personal privacy remain very active. Our second panel will address those issues from requestor and responder perspectives.

Government agencies collect a lot of commercially sensitive information as part of their regulatory functions. Recent developments in this area include the Lyft ruling, decisional trends for injunction suits, and the Sunshine Committee's proposal decision-making framework. Our panelists will explore ways to address current practical problems requestor, resistor, and government-agency-caught-in-the-middle perspectives.

This year we have some key developments beyond the strict confines of the Public Records Act. As a result, we're expanding this year's coverage to include the Open Public Meetings Act and the Public Disclosure Commission Standards for Permissible Political Activity.

We hope you will join us for what promises to be an information-packed day with practical tips for addressing the open government issues that you run into in your everyday work. Register now to reserve your seat!

~ Program Co-Chairs: Katherine A. George, Esq. of Johnston George and Adrian Urquhart Winder, Esq. of Foster Pepper



Katherine A. George, *Program Co-Chair*, is a named partner at Johnston George. She has substantial experience helping news organizations and citizens exercise their right to know what government agencies are doing, including handling numerous cases under state and federal sunshine laws.



Adrian Urquhart Winder, *Program Co-Chair*, is a member of Foster Pepper. She represents public clients in matters involving municipal governance, the Public Records Act and the Open Public Meetings Act.



Thomas F. Ahearne is a member of Foster Pepper. His trial and appellate court level litigation practice includes public records and election issues, including permissible political activity.



Sarah Doar is a Legal Consultant for the Municipal Research and Services Center. She provides general legal guidance and training to local government entities on many areas of public business, including public records and open public meeting laws.



Kathleen J. Haggard, Porter Foster Rorick, advises cities, school districts, port districts, and other municipalities on a broad range of legal issues, including public records.



James E. Lobsenz, is a Principal at Carney Badley Spellman. His substantive areas of experience are constitutional law, freedom of speech, police misconduct, civil rights, criminal defense law, employment law and evidence.



Brendan T. Mangan is a partner at Davis Wright Tremaine. He has served as lead counsel in multiple matters to block trade secrets from release under the Public Records Act.

Lee R. Marachisio, Foster Pepper, focuses on general municipal law and provides general representation on public law issues, including elections and open government. He has represented local governments in Public Disclosure Commission proceedings and open government lawsuits.

Ramsey E. Ramerman is an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Everett. He works on open government issues and advises the police department on records laws. He also defends other municipalities in PRA litigation through his firm, Ramerman Law Office PLLC.



Jonathan R. Rappaport helps injured people as a personal injury attorney. He is a sole-practitioner, available at LawyerJon.com and (206) LAWYERJon. He is also a registered patent attorney.



Eric M. Stahl is a partner at Davis Wright Tremaine. He helps media and entertainment companies, advertisers, and other content providers and communications companies in intellectual property, First Amendment, and commercial matters.



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- Access to and protection of commercially sensitive information
- Recent Open Public Meetings Act developments
- Public Disclosure Commission Standards for Permissible Political Activity

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