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- Port of Seattle
- Seattle Police Department
- Summit Law Group PLLC

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

Fourth Annual Seminar on Public Records & Open Meetings
Recent developments in the ever-evolving Washington open government law

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For statutes with such prosaic names, the Washington Public Records Act (PRA) and Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) certainly gin up some non-prosaic issues, ranging from police body cams to treatment of zoo elephants. A lot has happened since the 2015 LSI Open Government seminar. Washington’s appellate courts have made significant new law in areas such as use of private devices for public business; eye-popping penalties against agencies; new statute of limitations triggers; disclosure of Level I sex offenders’ names and the nature of a zoological society meeting. The relatively new Anti-SLAPP statute was stricken as unconstitutional, but may be fixed by the Legislature. Citizens have made "bot" requests or have demanded "all" agency records, driving some public agencies to push for new limits on how to deal with unreasonable requesters.

Can an alternate way to resolve disputes be developed? Lots of legislation has been and will be proposed, even though, not much gets passed. Come and get caught up on judicial and legislative developments that can impact any practitioner who advises, litigates or legislates about the OPMA and PRA!

~ Program Co-Chairs: P. Stephen DiJulio, Esq. of Foster Pepper PLLC and Judith A. Endejan, Esq. of Garvey Schubert Barer
P. Stephen DiJulio, Program Co-Chair, is a member of Foster Pepper PLLC. He focuses on state and local government litigation including constitutional law and open government issues. Previously, he was an Assistant Seattle City Attorney and Kent City Attorney. He wrote a chapter in the new WSBA Public Records Act Deskbook on Attorney Client Privilege and other Discovery Exemptions.

Judith A. Endejan, Program Co-Chair, is an owner at Garvey Schubert Barer. She focuses on media, communications and First Amendment law. She is a founding and current board member of the Washington Coalition for Open Government and wrote two chapters for the WSBA Public Records Act Deskbook.

Candice Bock serves as Government Relations Advocate for the Association of Washington Cities. She lobbies primarily in the areas of law and justice, personnel, and public records.

Ambika Kumar Doran is a partner at Davis Wright Tremaine LLP and Co-Chair of the Media Law Practice. She focuses on media, Internet, and intellectual property law. She counsels and represents clients on defamation, privacy, commercial speech, public records, courtroom access, other First Amendment issues, copyright, trademark, and Section 230 immunity.

Michele Earl-Hubbard is the principal of Allied Law Group. She practices in open government laws, media law, appellate law and general litigation. She is a board member for the Washington Coalition for Open Government.

Katherine A. George, founder, Johnston George LLP, represents citizens and groups in matters concerning the public’s right to an open government. She focuses on appeals and the Public Records Act / Freedom of Information Act. As a journalist she received the National Press Club’s Freedom of the Press Award.

Jessica L. Goldman, Summit Law Group PLLC, has been repeatedly recognized by her peers as a top First Amendment lawyer. Her First Amendment practice includes commercial speech, privacy, access, prior restraint, reporters’ shield laws, public records, and newsgathering torts.

Traci M. Goodwin is Senior Port Counsel for the Port of Seattle. She has extensive experience with municipal, public records, land use, and corporate compliance law. This includes working with contractors on major capital projects.

Michael C. Kahrs of Kahrs Law Firm PS, has a solo practice focusing primarily on prison, civil rights, public records, and post-conviction law.

Jessica Leiser serves as Assistant City Attorney for the City of Auburn. She focuses on public records responses. Previously, she was Deputy County Attorney for Coconino County in Arizona.

Mary Perry serves as Director of Transparency and Privacy for the Seattle Police Department. She oversees public disclosure and direct the department’s efforts to proactively provide data and information to the public. Previously, she was a Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in the Civil Division of the King County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office.

Ramsey Ramerman, City Attorney of Everett, focuses on PRA education and reform. He is founding president of the Washington Assoc. of Public Records Officers and is the local government representative on the State Sunshine Committee reviewing exemptions to the PRA.

Eric M. Stahl is a partner at Davis Wright Tremaine LLP. He represents news, entertainment, and communications companies in intellectual property, commercial and First Amendment matters. He litigates public records disputes and is co-editor-in-chief of the second edition of the WSBA Public Records Act Deskbook.

Rowland Thompson is Executive Director of Allied Daily Newspaper of Washington, a role he has held since 1990. Previously, he was a staffer with the Washington State House and then the Senate working for the Democratic Caucuses.

Brett C. Vinson is the City Attorney at Sumner. He represents the City in both civil and criminal issues, which means he has just some great stories to tell. Prior to working for Sumner, he worked for the Cities of Puyallup, Bremerton, and Kent.

Adrian Urquhart Winder is a member of Foster Pepper PLLC. She represents public and private clients in complex litigation and class actions at both the trial and appellate court levels, as well as matters involving municipal governance, the Public Records Act and the Open Public Meetings Act.

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