2018
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

FEATURED TOPIC:

**Why FOI?**

Friday, April 27, 2018
8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

The Riverhouse at Goodspeed Station
Haddam, Connecticut

**Sponsored by**
Connecticut Freedom of Information Commission
Connecticut Foundation for Open Government
Connecticut Council on Freedom of Information
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- From Hartford area: South on I-91 to Exit 22S (left-hand exit). South on Route 9 to Exit 7.
- From New Haven area: North on I-95 to Exit 69. North on Route 9 to Exit 7. Then follow directions **in bold** below.
- From New London area: South on I-95 to Exit 69. North on Route 9 to Exit 7. Then follow directions **in bold** below.

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION CONFERENCE PROGRAM
8:00 A.M. - 8:30 A.M.
Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:30 A.M. – 8:40 A.M.
Welcome and Introduction
Colleen M. Murphy, Executive Director and General Counsel, Freedom of Information Commission
NEW: Video Welcome
The Honorable Christopher Murphy, United States Senator for Connecticut
Opening Remarks
The Honorable Kevin Lembo, Comptroller, State of Connecticut
8:40 A.M. – 8:45 A.M.
Break
8:45 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.
Break Out Sessions
Nuts and Bolts: Answers to Cutting Edge FOIA Questions
FOIC Staff
OR
FOI 101: A Crash Course in the FOI Act
Tracie C. Brown, Commission Counsel, Freedom of Information Commission
10:30 A.M. – 10:40 A.M.
Break
10:40 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.
Panel Discussion
Complying with the FOIA: Some Helpful Hints
Presented by:
Attorney Henry J. Zaccardi, Counsel, Shipman and Goodwin, LLP
Attorney Jessica Richman Smith, Associate, Shipman and Goodwin, LLP
11:30 A.M. – 11:40 A.M.
Break
11:40 A.M. – 12:50 P.M.
Panel Discussion
Why FOI?
In our ever-changing, technology driven world, where information abounds, is Freedom of Information still critical to the conduct of good government? With so much information available at everyone’s fingertips, do we need open records laws? When public agencies are contemplating holding meetings remotely, do we need open meetings laws? Has technology yielded more government transparency? Or does the use of technology actually conceal government activities? Is FOI irrelevant or is it more important now than ever? This featured panel explores these issues.
Moderator:
Attorney Mark J. Sommaruga, Partner, Pullman and Comley, LLC
Panel Members:
Attorney D. Randall “Randy” DiBella, Partner, Cramer & Anderson, LLP
Jill Konopka, Investigative Reporter, NBC 30 News
The Honorable Nancy R. Rossi, Mayor, City of West Haven
12:50 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.
Break
1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.
Luncheon
and
Keynote Speaker
The Honorable Erin E. Stewart
Mayor, City of New Britain
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REGISTRATION FORM
$55.00 Registration fee covers all or part of the program, including continental breakfast & lunch. Registration for conference & luncheon on a space available basis.
Registration must be received by April 20, 2018 and will only be accepted with full payment, payable to:
CONNECTICUT FOUNDATION FOR OPEN GOVERNMENT
C/O FOI COMMISSION, 18-20 TRINITY STREET, 1ST FLOOR, HARTFORD, CT 06106
NAME: ________________________________________________________
Breakout Session FOI 101 (Please check if you plan to attend) ___
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TELEPHONE OR EMAIL: __________________________________________
AFFILIATION: ________________________________________________
AMOUNT ENCLOSED $ ____
Lunch includes: Soup – Vegetarian minestrone; Baby Greens with Mandarin Orange Segments, Feta Citrus Vinaigrette (toasted almonds on the side); Chicken Napolean; Grilled Marinated Chicken Breast, Fresh Mozzarella, Tomato Salsa with a Balsamic Drizzle, Pan Seared Salmon with Mango, Cucumber and Cilantro Lime Salsa; Seasonal Grilled Vegetables; Mushroom Risotto; Rolls and Butter; Assorted Cookies; Coffee and Teas with Assorted Soft Drinks.