



2023
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

While You Were Away:
Catching Up On FOI

Friday, October 20, 2023
8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

The Riverhouse at Goodspeed Station
Haddam, Connecticut

Sponsored by
Connecticut Freedom of Information Commission
Connecticut Foundation for Open Government
Connecticut Society of Professional Journalists

The Riverhouse at Goodspeed Station
55 Bridge Road, Haddam, CT 06438
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Directions:

From the Hartford area: South on I-91 to Exit 22S (left-hand exit). South on Route 9 to Exit 10. Then follow the directions **in bold** below.

From the New Haven area: North on I-95 to Exit 69. North on Route 9 to Exit 10. Then follow the directions **in bold** below.

From the New London area: South on I-95 to Exit 69. North on Route 9 to Exit 10. Then follow the directions **in bold** below.

Turn left at the end of the ramp (the ramp is three miles long), following Route 82. At the first stop light, turn right onto Bridge Road. The Riverhouse will be approximately a 1/2 mile down on the right.

2023 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION CONFERENCE PROGRAM

8:00 A.M. – 8:30 A.M.

Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 A.M. – 8:35 A.M.

Welcome and Introduction

Colleen M. Murphy, Executive Director and General Counsel, Freedom of Information Commission

8:35 A.M. – 8:40 A.M.

Break

8:40 A.M. – 10:25 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

Valicia D. Harmon, Commission Counsel, Freedom of Information Commission

10:30 A.M.

Keynote Speaker

The Honorable Susan Bysiewicz
Lt. Governor, State of Connecticut

11:00 A.M. – 11:50 A.M.

Panel Discussion

Complying with the FOI Act: Some Helpful Hints

Presented by:

Attorney Thomas B. Mooney, Partner, Shipman and Goodwin, LLP
Attorney Jessica Richman Smith, Partner, Shipman and Goodwin, LLP

11:50 A.M. – 12 p.m.

Break

12 P.M. – 1:10 P.M.

Featured Panel Discussion

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Moderator:

Attorney Mark J. Sommaruga, Partner, Pullman and Comley, LLC

Panelists:

Attorney Douglas Dalena, General Counsel, Connecticut Office of the Treasurer
Brian Foley, Town Manager, Town of Tolland
Anna Posniak, Town Clerk, Town of Windsor
Christine Stuart, Editor, CTNewsJunkie; Editorial Director, American Business Media

1:15 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Luncheon

Closing Remarks

Colleen M. Murphy, Executive Director and General Counsel, Freedom of Information Commission

REGISTRATION FORM

The \$65.00 registration fee covers all or part of the program, including continental breakfast & lunch. Registration for the conference & luncheon is on a space available basis. **Registration must be received by October 10, 2023, and will only be accepted with full payment, payable to:**

**CONNECTICUT FOUNDATION FOR OPEN GOVERNMENT
C/O FOI COMMISSION
165 Capitol Avenue, Suite 1100
Hartford, CT 06106**

Name: _____

Break out session FOI 101 (please check if you plan to attend) _____

Title: _____

Agency/Dept.: _____

Address: _____

City/State Zip: _____

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Buffet Lunch includes Soup – Butternut Squash Bisque; Autumn in Connecticut Salad with Cranberries, Maple Vinaigrette; Roasted Tuscan Chicken; Thai Lemongrass Seared Salmon; Basmati Rice; Haricots Vert, Saffron Risotto; Warm Rolls and Butter; Assorted Cookies, Brownies and Seasonal Treats; Coffee and Teas with Assorted Soft Drinks