



Bulletin

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MUNICIPAL LAW SEMINAR

TO: Assessors, Collectors, Treasurers, Accountants, Auditors, Mayors, Selectmen, City/Town Managers, Finance Directors, Finance Committees, City/Town Councils, City Solicitors and Town Counsels

FROM: Robert G. Nunes, Deputy Commissioner and Director of Municipal Affairs

DATE: August 2010

SUBJECT: "What's New in Municipal Law" Seminar

The Division of Local Services' Legal Staff will offer the seminar "What's New in Municipal Law" Friday, September 24, 2010 at The Log Cabin Banquet & Meeting House in Holyoke and Friday, October 1, 2010 at Lantana in Randolph. Presentations will include new legislation and recent court decisions pertaining to local government. This *Bulletin* contains a program description (page 2) and a registration form (page 3).

The general session in the morning will be conducted by attorneys Kathleen Colleary, Chief of the Bureau of Municipal Finance Law, Gary Blau, James Crowley, Donald Gorton, Christopher Hinchey, Mary Mitchell and Daniel Murphy. The afternoon session will consist of three simultaneous workshops from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. These workshops will be small group meetings, led by the Bureau of Municipal Finance Law attorneys.

The attorneys of the Bureau of Municipal Finance Law are specialists in municipal law, particularly in property taxation and finance. The legal staff interprets new laws and responds to the legal concerns of local officials.

A registration fee of **\$50.00 per person** will be charged to cover the cost of the facility, booklets, morning refreshments and the luncheon. Please contact Donna Quinn at (617) 626-3838 with any questions regarding registration.

I hope you will have the opportunity to join us at this timely and informative seminar.

The Division of Local Services is responsible for oversight of and assistance to cities and towns in achieving equitable property taxation and efficient fiscal management. The Division regularly publishes IGRs (Informational Guideline Releases detailing legal and administrative procedures) and the Bulletin (announcements and useful information) for local officials and others interested in municipal finance.

AGENDA

REGISTRATION: 8:15 AM – 9:00 AM
Continental Breakfast

OPENING REMARKS: 9:00 AM – 9:15 AM
Robert Nunes, Deputy Commissioner of the Division of Local Services

GENERAL SESSION: 9:15 AM - 12:15 PM
WHAT'S NEW IN MUNICIPAL LAW
Local Services' Legal Staff will present the latest from the Legislature and the Courts.

LUNCHEON: 12:15 PM – 1:30 PM
Menu: Salad, Entrée, Chef's Selection of Starch and Vegetables, Coffee/Tea and Dessert

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

There are three simultaneous workshops. You may attend **one** workshop. Please indicate your preference on the attached registration form.

- Workshop A** **Local Taxes:** A review of current assessment and collection issues, including new legislation on personal property audits and other issues.
- Workshop B** **Local Finances:** A discussion of current municipal finance and accounting issues.
- Workshop C** **Local Employees:** An exploration of current legal issues regarding health insurance and other employment benefits.

The booklets for the morning and afternoon sessions will also be available online after the seminars.

Please submit your completed registration form along with a check for \$50 made payable to the

Commonwealth of Massachusetts to:

**TRAINING COORDINATOR
DIVISION OF LOCAL SERVICES
PO BOX 9569
BOSTON, MA 02114-9569**

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PLEASE CONTACT DONNA QUINN AT 617-626-3838 WITH ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS SEMINAR

WHAT'S NEW IN MUNICIPAL LAW SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM

_____	_____
NAME	POSITION
_____	() _____
COMMUNITY OR COMPANY	PHONE NUMBER

SEMINAR DATES AND LOCATIONS

Please indicate ("X") which location you will be attending

_____ **FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2010**
HOLYOKE, MA
THE LOG CABIN BANQUET & MEETING HOUSE
500 EASTHAMPTON ROAD
HOLYOKE, MA
413-535-5077
[Directions to The Log Cabin](#)

_____ **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2010**
RANDOLPH, MA
THE LANTANA
43 SCANLON DRIVE
RANDOLPH, MA
781-961-4600
[Directions to The Lantana](#)

CHECKS MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO: COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Mail the entire completed form and registration fee to:

**Training Coordinator
Division of Local Services
PO Box 9569
Boston, MA 02114-9569**

The morning is a general session for everyone. Please choose ("X") one afternoon workshop:

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REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE BY THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2010

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