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Records requests, court decisions, and digital compliance

Public records and open meetings law continues to evolve as new court decisions are reshaping what must be disclosed and how quickly agencies must respond. Expanded judicial privacy protections under Act 235 have created new redaction and compliance obligations. And emerging technologies are raising fresh questions about what constitutes a public record and how existing compliance frameworks apply.

The ***Public Records, Open Meetings Update 2026*** brings practitioners together for a focused half-day review of the legal developments, case law, and practical issues shaping compliance with Wisconsin's public records and open meetings laws. **Register now!**

HOW YOU'LL BENEFIT

- Gain practical insight into recent case law developments affecting public records access, open meetings compliance, and agency response obligations
- Develop strategies for handling employment records requests while balancing transparency requirements and confidentiality concerns
- Implement procedures for complying with judicial privacy statutes, required redactions, and related disclosure restrictions under Wis. Stat. § 757.07
- Better navigate technology-related records requests and emerging issues involving electronic communications, digital records, and evolving information systems

SCHEDULE

8:00 AM **Registration**

8:30 AM **Case Law Updates**

- *Wisconsin Voters Alliance v. Secord* (SCOWIS, anticipated Summer 2026) — Notice of voter eligibility forms
- *Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce v. DOJ* (Court of Appeals, Apr. 29, 2026) — Mandamus claim for delay in responding to records requests
- *Grys-Luecht v. Town of Grant* (Circuit Court, anticipated Summer 2026) — More than 40 public records and open meetings law claims
- *Invisible Institute v. DOJ* (Circuit Court, Apr. 28, 2026; on appeal) — DOJ list of approximately 16,000 law enforcement officers
- *State ex rel. Brattset v. Town of Palmyra* (Circuit Court, Nov. 6, 2025) — Open meetings law claims involving notices and closed sessions

Tom Kamenick

9:20 AM **Employment Records**

- Access to and disclosure of law enforcement personnel records
- Handling workplace investigation records and confidentiality considerations
- Notice requirements and procedures for releasing employee records

Scott F. Brown, James M. Carroll

10:10 AM **Break**

10:25 AM **Judicial Privacy – Wis. Stat. § 757.07 (Act 235)**

- Protecting personal information of judicial officers and immediate family members under Wis. Stat. § 757.07
- Redacting addresses, phone numbers, and license plate information pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.36(10)(b)
- Completing CS-316/317 forms through the Director of State Courts, interagency information sharing, and recent statutory amendments to Wis. Stat. § 757.07

Holly L. Fulkerson

11:15 AM **Technology and the Public Records Law**

- Examining application of public records law to emerging technologies
- Explore challenges new technologies present for public records compliance and access
- Evolving legal and practical considerations in technology-related records requests

Paul M. Ferguson

12:05 PM **Program Concludes**

Following start time, schedule will vary slightly from above. All times are Central Time Zone.

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DATES & LOCATION

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