
2019 DEKALB COUNTY FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT & OPEN MEETINGS ACT TRAINING FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS



**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2019
6:00 P.M.**

**Location: DeKalb County Farm Bureau, 1350 West
Prairie Drive, Sycamore, IL**

Presented by: Rick Amato, DeKalb County State's Attorney, Leah Bartelt of the Illinois Attorney General's Office & DeKalb County Board Chairman Mark Pietrowski, Jr.

All local government officials and employees are invited to attend a seminar focusing on the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Open Meetings Act (OMA). There will be discussions on both laws, and their enforcement, followed by a question and answer session with Public Access Counselor (PAC) staff, who are entrusted with their enforcement.

This is the second year in a row that such training has been offered in DeKalb County, and we are encouraging all local governments to choose to participate!

For any questions, please contact Tasha Sims at 815-895-1630 or Chief Civil Assistant State's Attorney David Berault at 815-895-7164.

The PAC has confirmed that attendance at this event is not in violation of the Open Meetings Act itself. It is also open to the media and public. (See Ill. Att'y Gen. Op. No. 95-004 and Nobani v Conglianse, 552 F. Supp 657, 661 (N.D. Ill. 1982)). The PAC may be reached at 1-877-299-FOIA with any questions on government training.

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PRESS RELEASE

ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2019, AT 6:00 P.M., STATE'S ATTORNEY RICK AMATO AND COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN MARK PIETROWSKI, JR. ARE HOSTING THE ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL'S PUBLIC ACCESS COUNSELOR'S OFFICE FOR TRAINING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ON THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) AND OPEN MEETINGS ACT (OMA).

On **September 12, 2019, at 6:00 P.M.**, the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor's Office (PAC) and the DeKalb County State's Attorney's Office will be holding our Second FOIA & OMA Training Seminar for Local Governments. The purpose is to address all of DeKalb County's local government officials to train them on FOIA and OMA compliance. This event is open to employees/officers/officials of all of DeKalb County's local government bodies as well as the general public. This is a great opportunity for the County, Cities, Towns, Townships and others to learn about application of these Acts directly from the Public Access Counselor's staff, who are entrusted with their enforcement. It will also offer a question and answer period so that government officials can inquire as to correct practices.

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LOCATION: THE DEKALB COUNTY FARM BUREAU, 1350 WEST PRAIRIE DRIVE, SYCAMORE, IL.

This training event is presented in addition to the online training requirements. However, we again recommend that all public body members and FOIA Officers do their mandatory OMA and/or FOIA training at <http://foia.ilattorneygeneral.net/>

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