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REMINDER

ON MAY 17, 2022, AT 3:00 P.M., STATE'S ATTORNEY RICK AMATO IS 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).

After a two-year hiatus because of COVID-19 restrictions, the DeKalb County State's Attorney's Office is pleased to welcome the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor's Office (PAC) back to present our FOIA & OMA Training Seminar for Local Governments. We are aware that many have been patiently awaiting a renewed training event and we are looking forward to hosting this session for all of DeKalb County's local government officials to train them on both 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 an excellent opportunity for the County, Cities, Towns, Townships and all 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.

We are very excited to have this in-person opportunity again in DeKalb County, and we are encouraging all local governments to attend and participate!

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

Note: While this training will assist in refreshing your obligations under FOIA and OMA, it will not take the place of the PAC's online training requirements once they restore their website training module, which was suspended due to technical problems.

* The Attorney General's PAC Office has confirmed that attendance at this event is not in violation of the Open Meetings Act itself, and it is also open to the media and public. The PAC may be reached at 1-877-299-FOIA with any questions on government training. *