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Programming Areas

- Wisconsin local government law in general
- Powers and duties of local officials and bodies
- Local and intergovernmental land use authority
- Open meetings and public records
- Ethics and conflicts of interest

Audience and Partners

- Local government officials and staff
- Interested persons

Team Membership

- Local Government – Local Government & Finance (Team leader)

Educational Resources

Publications

- 2007, Wisconsin County Officials' Handbook (second edition), various authors; James H. Schneider author of open meetings and public records chapters (also first edition, 2004).
- 2006, Wisconsin Town Officers' Handbook (second edition), James H. Schneider (also first edition, 1994).
- 1998, Writer and coordinator of video *Managing Growth and Change in Wisconsin Communities*.
- On the Local Government Center website, fact sheets on open meetings (#1), public records (#7), how to interpret an ordinance (#12), fences in agricultural areas (#13), authority for boundary and related agreements (#14), comprehensive planning law (#15),

the town plan commission (#16), village powers for town boards (#18); plus FAQs on comprehensive planning, a sample town plan commission ordinance and the local government resource list (main author).

- 1994, Understanding Wisconsin's Open Meeting Law, Burt P. Natkins and James H. Schneider.

Workshops, Wislines and Other Programs

- Annual, Local Land Use Planning and Zoning WisLine series.
- Spring, even-numbered years, County Officials Workshops.
- Spring, odd-numbered years, Town Officials Workshops.
- Annual, presenter of WisLine on ethics and conflicts of interest.
- Speaker at various annual conferences, workshops, county forums, etc. on local government topics.

Online Tools

- Not applicable

Research and Outreach

- Legal research to support above programs and publications