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Voter Redistricting

As you may know the census conducted in 2010 may require you to redistrict your voting wards. For example, counties that are required to do so must complete redistricting by February 2012. With that in mind, the South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance (SDPAA) sponsored a voter redistricting training session on January 20, 2011 at the Cedar Shore Resort in Oacoma. Sara Frankenstein, an attorney from Rapid City and a leading expert on voting rights, was the presenter. The SDPAA would like to thank those that were able to attend and from the feed back we received the information presented was both timely and informative.

To further assist SDPAA members in their loss control efforts, if you would like a copy of the presentation handout please contact us (jsporrer@safety-benefits.com) and we can email a copy to you.

In addition to the training session, attendees were informed about another new service the SDPAA is now providing members and that is the Voter Redistricting Hotline.

Voter Redistricting Hotline

The Voter Redistricting Hotline is designed to assist SDPAA members, currently carrying Governmental Officials Liability coverage, with specific questions they may have regarding their redistricting. The SDPAA has retained Sara Frankenstein to provide these services. Each member is entitled to 2 hours of legal service for each **SEPARATE** inquiry. Attached to this email is a copy of a brochure explaining how the Voter Redistricting Hotline works. Please review the brochure and if you need assistance with redistricting please call.

To call the hotline contact Safety Benefits at (888) 313-0839.

Sara Frankenstein

Sara is a litigation attorney and partner of Gunderson, Palmer, Nelson & Ashmore, LLP law firm of Rapid City, SD. Sara specializes in voting rights and election law. In addition to normal trials and

Services Available

- On-Site Surveys
- On-Site Training Sessions
- Consultation Services
- Employment Practices Hotline
- Voter Redistricting Hotline
- On-Line Training
- Video Library
- Resource Library
- Model Law Enforcement Policies and Procedures

Coming Soon

- Model Jail Policies and Procedures
- Public Officials Liability Training

appellate arguments, Sara has successfully argued before the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals *en banc* (all eleven judges) on a voting rights case, and won a high-profile election law trial which was the lead South Dakota news story in 2009. Sara practices other civil litigation, including employment law, civil rights and personal injury defense.

Planning Districts

Some of your entities completed redistricting on your own 10 years ago while others may have hired outside resources. All 6 of the South Dakota Planning Districts had representatives in attendance at the training session, as 5 are currently members of the SDPAA and one is currently in negotiations of joining. The Planning Districts are another possible resource to assist with your redistricting efforts. For more information, please contact your local Planning District.

Conclusion

The SDPAA is always looking for ways to help members reduce their exposure and minimize their claims. A saying appears in the hotline brochure, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure". So if you have specific questions concerning redistricting take advantage of the hotline resource.

This is just one of the many services you receive as a member of the SDPAA that goes beyond just Liability and Property coverage.

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