



2010 Legal Institute for Township Attorneys

**Tuesday, January 26
Ambassador Ballroom
Amway Grand Plaza**

MTA's Legal Institute for Township Attorneys is the premier educational event for attorneys who serve Michigan's 1,240 townships. Your attendance keeps you on the cutting edge of legal news and changes that impact local government.

NOTE: Upon arrival, go directly to the Ambassador Ballroom on the Concourse Level of the Amway Grand Plaza to check in.

Turn to page 8 for information on parking near the Amway Grand Plaza. To reserve a hotel room, visit www.grandconnection.com/mta2010 or see page 11. Driving directions will be included in confirmation materials sent prior to the Institute.



Registration Information and Refund Policy

Registrations can only be processed upon receipt of payment. Confirmations will be sent to the e-mail address provided below, if registered by Jan. 4, 2010.

Written cancellation requests postmarked or faxed on or before Dec. 16, 2009, will be refunded the registration fee less a \$25 processing fee; requests made between Dec. 17, 2009, and Jan. 12, 2010, will be refunded half of the registration fee. No refunds will be issued thereafter. Please note that substitutions may be made for a \$10 processing fee.

To ensure complete participation in the program, attendees with special needs should call (517) 321-6467 or e-mail kristin@michigantownships.org at least three weeks in advance.

Agenda

- 8:45 a.m. **Registration & Continental Breakfast**
- 9:30 a.m. **Welcome and Overview**
Kenneth C. Sparks, Institute Coordinator & MTA Legal Counsel, Bauckham, Sparks, Lohrstorfer, Thall & Seeber, PC, Kalamazoo
- 9:35 a.m. **Current Issues in Zoning**
Craig R. Noland, Smith, Haughey, Rice and Roegge, Grand Rapids
- 10:20 a.m. **Corridor Improvement Authority**
Mark E. Nettleton, Mika Meyers Beckett & Jones, PLC, Grand Rapids
- 11:15 a.m. **Protecting Townships from Failed Development Projects**
David Otis, Plunkett Cooney, East Lansing
- Noon **Networking Lunch** featuring
The Honorable Robert J. Jonker, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan
- 1:30 p.m. **New Legislation and AG Opinions**
David Bertram, MTA Legislative Liaison—Team Leader
- 2:15 p.m. **Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act Update**
Crystal L. Morgan, Law Weathers, Grand Rapids
- 3:15 p.m. **Paragon and Issues of Finality Under the Zoning Enabling Act**
Catherine P. Kaufman, MTA Legal Counsel, Bauckham, Sparks, Lohrstorfer, Thall & Seeber, PC, Kalamazoo
- 4 p.m. **Question-and-Answer Session**

2010 LEGAL INSTITUTE REGISTRATION FORM

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