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ATTORNEY GENERAL J.B. VAN HOLLEN ANNOUNCES NEW OPEN MEETINGS AND PUBLIC RECORDS RESOURCES AVAILABLE ONLINE

MADISON — Video recordings of a three hour videoconference seminar on the open meetings and public records laws are now available online. The two part series, consisting of a 90 minute program on open meetings and a 90 minute program on public records, includes material from statewide seminars held earlier this fall.

These seminars are important in promoting a better understanding of Wisconsin's open meetings and public records laws. "The information contained in these seminars are an essential component of effective citizen oversight of the workings of our democratic government," said Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen.

The videos are available at <http://www.doj.state.wi.us/site/ompr.asp>.

The free seminars are only a part of the Wisconsin Department of Justice's campaign to promote compliance with public records and open meetings laws. In addition to the seminars, the Department of Justice publishes the Open Meetings Compliance Guide and the Public Records Compliance Outline.

The Open Meetings Compliance Guide is available at:
http://www.doj.state.wi.us/dls/OMPR/2010OMCG-PRO/2010_OML_Compliance_Guide.pdf.

The Public Records Compliance Outline is available at:
http://www.doj.state.wi.us/dls/OMPR/2010OMCG-PRO/2010_Pub_Rec_Outline.pdf.

In addition, the Wisconsin Department of Justice has created a new online public records resource guide, which is available at http://www.doj.state.wi.us/dls/pr_resources.asp.

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