

Judicial Elections: Navigating the Collision Course

Join us on Constitution Day!

September 17, 2009

Holiday Inn & Convention Center in Stevens Point, WI

As you may be aware, misleading and deceptive advertising has marred recent judicial elections and challenged the perception of judicial impartiality and integrity. In response to these issues, Justiceworks, Ltd., together with the Portage County Bar Association, UWSP Political Science and Continuing Education Departments, will sponsor a symposium on the conflict between judicial independence and First Amendment rights in judicial elections.

The agenda addresses the First Amendment's impact and the role and responsibility of the media in the judicial election process. Presenters include First Amendment lawyers, a professor from the school of journalism and mass communication, a television broadcaster, a newspaper editor, and Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson. Breakout sessions will cover the rules for judicial elections, proposals for changes to the system, and examples of media advertising. The program also includes a panel discussion in which attendees and panel members will discuss approaches to changing the current judicial elections process.

Held on Thursday, September 17, 2009, the **Judicial Elections: Navigating the Collision Course** conference will consider approaches to maintain the integrity of the electoral process and preserve judicial independence. Lawyers, judges, politicians and elected officials, media and public relations professionals, educators, students, lifelong learners, and the general public are encouraged to attend.

Registration is \$125 by September 10, 2009 and increases to \$150 after September 10, 2009. Scholarships may be available to non-professional participants.

For more information contact UW-Stevens Point Continuing Education at **1-800-898-9472**. Online registration is now open. Visit the conference website for a complete brochure, lodging and scholarship information.

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We hope to see you there!

Please forward to others who might be interested.

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