

Attorneys Forum

Tuesday, March 25, Hyatt Trail Rooms, 9:30 a.m.

The third annual Attorneys Forum begins at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday. This program will be hosted by **Gary Hanson** of Topeka. Attendance at the forum is limited to attorneys who represent KRWA members. Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credits of 6.5 hours will be available to attorneys attending the entire session.

The morning session includes the following speakers:

J. Steven Pigg, partner, Fisher, Patterson, Saylor & Smith, L.L.P., Topeka. Steve regularly represents insurers of municipalities against claims, and will speak on issues affecting water systems and their insurers, claims prevention and handling, the role of the water system lawyer once defense counsel has been retained by the insurer, etc.

Vera Gannaway, General Counsel, Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission. Vera will speak on the application of the governmental ethics statute as it applies to water district and city governing bodies and their employees including disclosure rules, conflicts of interest, and related issues.

Philip C. Lacey, shareholder, Gilmore & Bell, P.C., Wichita. Phil will discuss selected topics on the role of water system counsel in debt financings, important considerations in debt financings, and other topics of interest to financing of water systems.

The afternoon will consist of two "roundtable" discussions of issues affecting water systems, with an opportunity for attorneys to raise issues from their cities or RWDs, including discussions (with background materials) on water supply contract negotiation and litigation, right-of-way use disputes, application of the Kansas One-Call system to water utilities, § 1926(b) update, and other timely topics of interest to all water system attorneys.

The program will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 4:30 p.m., with a break for lunch from 12 - 1 p.m. All attendees are invited to join in the social hour in the main exhibit hall at 4:00 p.m. and other conference functions and program. Attorneys should register by completing the complimentary program provided to their water utility clients. Or call KRWA at 785/336-3760. There is no charge to attorneys to attend the Attorneys' Forum or remaining conference events. Again, attorneys should register on the special announcement mailed to their KRWA-member client city or rural water district.