

SECOND ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM
OF THE
ARKANSAS TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT GROUP (ArkTIGG)
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2022
DURAND CENTER IN THE CROCKET TOWER BUILDING
ON MAIN STREET, NORTH OF THE TOWN SQUARE
HARRISON, ARKANSAS
9:30 A.M.- 5:30 P.M.

AGENDA

WELCOME
9:30 – 9:35
5 Minutes

Dr. Bill Ray Lewis
Boone County TIGG
Harrison

INVOCATION
9:36 - 9:41
5 Minutes

George Geier
Boone County TIGG
Harrison

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
9:42– 9:47
5 Minutes

Colonel Jim Parsons
Bella Vista Patriots
Bella Vista

FOIA FROM A JUDGE'S VIEWPOINT
9:48 - 10:18
30 Minutes

Gunner DeLay
Circuit Judge, Division IV
Sebastian County
Candidate for
Arkansas Supreme Court

HOW TO NOTIFY PUBLIC BODIES
10:19 - 10:29
10 Minutes

Luke Charlton
Gravette TIGG
Gravette

BREAK
10:30 – 10:45
15 Minutes

MAJOR FOIA COURT DECISIONS

Pages 21 – 26
10:46 – 11:16
30 Minutes

Joey McCutchen
Sebastian County TIGG
McCutchen Sexton Napurano
The Law Firm
Fort Smith

A LEGISLATOR'S VIEW OF FOIA

11:17 – 11:47
30 Minutes

Dan Sullivan, State Senator
District 53
Jonesboro

IF A JUDGE ATTEMPTS TO CLOSE A COURT ROOM,

Pages 26 – 27
11:48 – Noon
12 Minutes

George Pritchett
Garland County TIGG
Hot Springs

LUNCH

Noon - 1:15
75 Minutes

THE MEDIA AND FOIA

1:16 – 1:46
30 Minutes

Mike Masterson, Columnist
Arkansas Democrat-Gazette
Harrison

FOIA TODAY AND IN THE FUTURE

1:47 – 2:17
30 Minutes

Robert Steinbuch, Professor of Law
Bowen School of Law
Little Rock
Candidate For State Representative
ZOOM

CONSTRUCTION/SUBMISSION OF AN FOIA REQUEST

2:18 – 2:47
29 Minutes

Tanya Charlton
Benton County FOIA
Gravette

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE ARKANSAS FOIA

Pages 28-31
2:48 – 3:18
30 Minutes

Bob Gregory
Conway TIGG
Conway

BREAK
3:19 – 3:34
15 Minutes

A PUBLISHER’S VIEW OF FOIA
3:35 - 4:05
30 Minutes

Ellen Kreth, Owner/Publisher
The Madison County Newspaper
Huntsville/Little Rock
ZOOM

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS
MEETINGS/RECORDS
Pages 35 – 37 and 38 - 41
4:06 – 4:21
15 Minutes

Dr. Bill Ray Lewis
Boone County TIGG
Harrison

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS
AGENCIES GENERALLY/PRIVATE ENTITIES,
Pages 37 - 38
4:22 – 4:37
15 Minutes

Colonel Jim Parsons
Bella Vista Patriots
Bella Vista

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS
AGENCIES GENERAL/PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
Pages 42 - 43
4:38 – 5:03
15 Minutes

Iris Stevens
Northeast Arkansas TIGG
Jonesboro
ZOOM

EXCEPTIONS TO THE ARKANSAS FOIA
RECORDS AND MEETINGS,
Pages 44 -46
5:04 – 5:25
21 Minutes

Greg Harton
Arkansas Democrat Gazette
Springdale
ZOOM

CLOSING COMMENT/BENEDICTION
5:25 – 5:30
5 minutes

Joey McCutcheon
Sebastian County TIGG
McCutchen Sexton Napurano
The Law Firm
Fort Smith

Although Governor Asa Hutchinson is unable to participate in this Second Annual Symposium of the Arkansas Transparency in Government Group, he has sent notification that he appreciates the thoughtfulness of the invitation for him to attend, and he sends his best regards to all organizers and participants of this important event. Please feel free to relate any Freedom of Information Act suggestions and/or concerns you may have to Dr. Bill Ray Lewis, and he will be most anxious to forward your comments to Governor Hutchinson.

Several copies of the Treatise, *The Arkansas Freedom of Information Act*, co-authored by Robert Steinbuch, will be available during the Symposium for a reduced price of \$10.00 per copy. Each copy of the Treatise normally sells for \$40.00.

The Arkansas Transparency in Government Group (ArkTIGG) wishes to express its appreciation to Ms. Ashley Wimberley, Executive Director of the Arkansas Press Association, for her assistance in publicizing this Symposium throughout the State of Arkansas via the various members of the Association.

Luke Charlton and his wife, Tanya, are the leaders of the new Gravette Chapter of TIGG. They are also leading the effort in the State of Arkansas to place a Medical Freedom of Information Amendment vote on the ballot for the November election. The signatures of 100,000 Arkansas registered voters are needed by the Charltons for this issue to be placed on the Statewide ballot in November. Luke will mention this project during the Symposium, and he and Tanya will have a petition available during the meeting for those citizens registered to vote who wish to sign their names or assist the Charltons in this endeavor. Luke and Tanya will also be available throughout the Symposium to answer questions and take comments concerning any aspect of this project.

Symposium attendees will be treated to a pizza lunch compliments of the Boone County Transparency in Government Group from Harrison. Ms. Ida Edwards is the coordinator for this undertaking.