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## 2007 Legislative Drafting Seminar

The Legislative Council staff will sponsor a legislative drafting seminar on Tuesday, September 26, 2006, in the Brynhild Haugland Room of the State Capitol in Bismarck. The seminar will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will conclude at 3:45 p.m.

The seminar will include a review of constitutional, statutory, and legislative rules relating to the drafting of bills, together with the practical application of those rules and coverage of the legislative drafting manual.

**This seminar should be considered mandatory for any attorney who will be drafting legislation for the 2007 session.** Changes in drafting procedures adopted since the 2005 session will be covered.

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• **There is no charge for attending this** •  
• **seminar.** Registrants will receive the •  
• *2007 Legislative Drafting Manual.* •  
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This seminar has been approved for 5.5 CLE credits, including .75 CLE ethics credit, by the Commission for Continuing Legal Education.

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## Legislative Drafting Seminar - Agenda

- 8:30 a.m. Constitutional background for the drafting of legislative documents - *John D. Olsrud, Director, Legislative Council*
- 9:00 a.m. Review of the portions of the *2007 Legislative Drafting Manual* relating to the drafting of bills and resolutions - *John Walstad, Code Revisor, Legislative Council*
- 9:30 a.m. Break
- 9:45 a.m. Judicial and executive branch interpretation of statutes and legislative rules - *John D. Olsrud*
- 10:15 a.m. Drafting requirements, including style, grammar, and form and style requirements - *John Walstad*
- 10:45 a.m. Avoiding common bill drafting errors - *Jeffrey N. Nelson, Assistant Code Revisor, Legislative Council*
- 11:15 a.m. Techniques for drafting proposals for legislative action: procedures to follow and tricks of the trade - *Jay E. Buringrud, Assistant Director, Legislative Council*
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch (on your own)
- 1:30 p.m. Solving bill drafting problems and suggested solutions, including methods to improve wording and the use of drafting techniques - *Jeffrey N. Nelson*
- 2:00 p.m. Techniques for drafting amendments to bills and resolutions - *John Bjornson, Counsel, Legislative Council*
- 2:45 p.m. Break
- 3:00 p.m. Legislative ethics--laws and rules - *Jay E. Buringrud*
- 3:15 p.m. Legislative ethics--some practical applications and experiences - *John D. Olsrud*
- 3:45 p.m. Conclusion of seminar

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## REGISTRATION FORM

If you plan to attend this seminar, please cut this portion of the brochure and return this form or [register online](http://www.legis.nd.gov) at [www.legis.nd.gov](http://www.legis.nd.gov) by September 22 so the Legislative Council can make arrangements for the number of participants.

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