

# Agenda

**Wisconsin Water Law and Riparian/Littoral Boundaries and Access Rights** *S.Sorenson*

- Wisconsin law
- Statutory and regulatory law
- Public trust doctrine
- Riparian rights
- Navigability

**Principles of Boundary Location for Navigable Rivers and Lakes** *S. Sorenson*

- Non-navigable waters
- Determining navigability
- Erosion and accretion
- Meanders

**Understanding Federal and Wisconsin Wetland Laws and Enforcement** *R. Lewandowski*

- The Federal Clean Water Act
- National Food Security Act of 1985
- Wisconsin state laws and regulations, including 2017 Wisconsin Act 183
- Implementing/enforcing agencies
  - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
  - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
  - U.S. Department of Agriculture
  - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
  - Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

**Access to Wisconsin Surface Waters** *T. Murn*

- Public access to public waters
- How to determine riparian zones
- Easements
- Pier disputes

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## Learning Objectives

**You'll be able to:**

- Review** statutory and administrative law on boundaries for Wisconsin lands at water's edge.
- Consider** the impact of navigability and learn about determining which waters are navigable.
- Learn** how to handle the changing footprints of Wisconsin Lakes and rivers for boundary determination and access purposes.
- Consider** the impact of federal and Wisconsin laws protecting wetlands.
- Discuss** public access to public waters and learn how to determine riparian zones.



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| <b>Review</b> boundary law principles for Wisconsin lands along lakes and rivers               | <b>Understand</b> the applicability of Wisconsin wetland laws and regulations |
| <b>Discuss</b> the public trust doctrine, and consider the impact of navigability of waterways | <b>Review</b> laws and regulations on access to Wisconsin rivers and lakes    |

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| <b>Engineers</b><br>6.0 PDHs      | <b>Attorneys</b><br>7.0 CLE Hours |
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<b>Morning Session</b> 9:00 am - 12:15 pm CST	<b>Afternoon Session</b> 12:45 - 4:00 pm CST

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# Faculty

**Presented by**

**Steve Sorenson** is a shareholder with von Briesen & Roper, S.C. and has more than 35 years of experience helping clients with a wide range of legal issues. He provides counsel on corporate law, business succession planning and estate planning. Mr. Sorenson also represents municipalities, and with regard to real estate he counsels on land use, zoning, smart growth, water front litigation and nonmetallic mining. He is a Fond du Lac County Court Commissioner and serves as a mediator and arbitrator in real estate and labor disputes. Widely known and respected by his peers, he has served in many capacities with the State Bar of Wisconsin, including terms as president (1997-1998) and Secretary (1994-1996), as well as chairing several of their Standing Committees, including the Finance, Solo and Small Firm, Communications, Convention and Entertainment Committees. He was also president of the National Conference of Bar Presidents (2007-2008) and a member of the American Bar Association House of Delegates. Mr. Sorenson is a member of the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation Board and the Green Lake County/Ripon Area Foundation Board. He is the past President of the Ripon Main Street Development Board of Directors and an adjunct professor of Business and Politics and Government at Ripon College. Mr. Sorenson is a member of the Board of Directors for the Green Lake Festival of Music and Badger Boys State. Mr. Sorenson is a frequent lecturer on legal ethics, real estate law and waterfront rights. He served as chairman of the Board of Directors for Community Health Network (CHN) and remains active in health care organizations.

**Richard J. Lewandowski** is senior counsel with Husch Blackwell. He guides clients on compliance issues regarding surface and groundwater and remediation of contaminated properties. With experience in aligning the clean water laws of Wisconsin with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guidelines, Mr. Lewandowski understands the subtleties of state regulations covering surface and groundwater. He has the unique ability to handle client matters in courts, administrative agencies and legislatures. Though he generally collaborates with private sector clients, he also successfully defended a rural county in Wisconsin in a Superfund contribution action. Mr. Lewandowski defends businesses in state and federal enforcement actions, including citizens' suits and federal criminal enforcements. He earned his B.A. degree, *cum laude*, from Ripon College and his J.D. degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School.

**Tracy Murn** is an attorney with Axley Attorneys and a member of the Business Practice Group at Axley. Ms. Murn focuses her practice primarily on commercial real estate, business, and estate and succession planning, as well as catering to the unique legal needs of family-owned businesses. Attorney Murn's other areas of practice, including commercial real estate, land use, construction law, riparian rights, and general business practice, allow her to serve clients with a full 360-degree approach to asset protection, business strategy and conveyance of real estate. She represents business owners of all kinds both in their everyday dealings as well as when they are buying or selling commercial real estate or developing land. Ms. Murn also represents a number of commercial construction companies with a nationwide presence. Her experience working with local municipalities gives her a leg-up on representing business owners or those looking to purchase and develop real estate. Ms. Murn earned her B.A. degree, *cum laude*, from Marquette University and her J.D. degree, *cum laude*, from Marquette University Law School.

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**Libel Law and the First Amendment in Wisconsin**  
Online | Monday, February 12, 2024 | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm CST

**Credits:**  
Attorneys: 7.0 CLE Hours

**Agenda Topics:**  
Current Status of Global Libel Law  
United States Federal and Wisconsin State Defamation, Libel and Slander Laws  
United States Federal and Wisconsin State Press Protections  
Current Libel Case Studies  
Best Practices Libel and Media Law: A Panel Discussion

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**Trial Preparation for Wisconsin Paralegals and Legal Assistants**  
Online | Wednesday, March 6, 2024 | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm CST

**Credits:**  
Paralegals: 6.0 CLE Hours (Incl 1.0 Ethics Hour)  
National Federation of Paralegal Associations (NFPA):  
6.0 CLE Credits (Incl. 1.0 Ethics Credit)  
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**Agenda Topics:**  
Overview of a Civil Trial  
Assisting with Investigations      Managing Evidence  
Effectively Working with Opposing Counsel and Staff  
Assembling and Using Trial Notebooks  
Litigation Ethics for Assistants and Paralegals