

Excalibur Legislative Staff Bill Drafting Training Agenda

September 25, 2012, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Room 102, State Capitol Building

- 10:00 a.m. What Up With This?
- 10:05 a.m. The First Law of Morality Should Be to Think Clearly - The Art and
Science of Bill Drafting
- * Role of a nonpartisan bill drafter
 - * From request to introduction - the bill flow process
 - * Drafting considerations:
 - bill titles and single subject
 - separation of powers
 - delegation of legislative authority and rulemaking authority
 - special legislation
 - bills with fiscal impacts and unfunded mandates
 - statutory consistency and internals
 - * Drafting tricks and efficiencies - tools of the trade
 - * Drafting a bill using the macros - a high level overview
- 11:20 a.m. BREAK
- 11:30 a.m. Big Brother - Legal Review of Bill Drafts
- 11:45 a.m. Manage Your Junque
- 11:55 a.m. Searching the Montana Code Annotated (FOLIO is Your Friend)
- 12:10 p.m. Legislative Branch Website LAWS System Abbreviated Tutorial
- 12:25 p.m. Bill Drafting Deadlines
- 12:30 p.m. Adios