Driving Directions
Grand Traverse Resort (231) 534-6000
100 Grand Traverse Village Blvd., Acme Township

From Detroit area: Take I-75 north to Grayling (exit 254). Travel west on M-72 approximately 40 miles through Kalkaska into Acme. Turn right (north) onto U.S. 31 and drive a half-mile. The resort will be on the east (right) side of the road.

From Lansing area: Take U.S. 127 north, merging onto I-75. Take exit 254 at Grayling and travel west on M-72 approximately 40 miles through Kalkaska into Acme. Turn right (north) onto U.S. 31 and drive a half-mile. The resort will be on the east (right) side of the road.

From southwest Michigan: Take I-94 to U.S. 131. Travel north to M-72 in Kalkaska. Go west on M-72 approximately 15 miles. Go north on U.S. 31 about a half-mile. The resort will be on the east (right) side of the road.

From northern Michigan/the Upper Peninsula: Take I-75 south to the U.S. 31 exit (toward Petoskey/Charlevoix). Continue to follow U.S. 31 south. The resort will be on the east (left) side of the road.

Overnight Lodging
Hotel rooms are available at the Grand Traverse Resort on April 26, and at other area hotels throughout the week. To take advantage of MTA’s discounted rates on lodging, you must be registered for the Institute. Once registered, you’ll receive a personalized housing code, along with additional information, in your confirmation sent via email to the address MTA has on file. Direct lodging questions to Amy at (616) 785-6027 ext. 34 or cole@grandconnection.com.

Special Dietary/Accessibility Needs
Participants with special needs should contact MTA at (517) 321-6467 or email kristin@michigantownships.org at least a week in advance.

Cancellations & Substitutions
Written cancellation requests received by March 30 will be refunded the registration fee less a $25 processing fee; requests made between March 31-April 13 will be refunded half of the registration fee. No refunds will be issued thereafter. Substitutions may be made for a $10 processing fee.
MTA’s Legal Institute for Township Attorneys is the premier educational event for attorneys who serve Michigan’s townships. Your attendance keeps you on the cutting edge of legal news and changes that impact local government. Connect with fellow municipal attorneys to discuss recent changes, court opinions and other trends affecting township government.

Get an update on zoning, the Freedom of Information and Open Meetings Acts, as well as current legislative efforts. Hot topics on the agenda include Nestle’s Ice Mountain bottled water operations in Osceola Township, legal issues in setting municipal assessments fees and charges, along with small cell wireless regulation.

Held in conjunction with MTA’s Annual Educational Conference & Expo, this event will take place Monday, April 27 at the Grand Traverse Resort.

Upon arrival at the Grand Traverse Resort, go directly to the registration table outside Tower Ballroom C, located on the lower level. Use the lobby stairs or the tower elevators, to your right as you enter the resort lobby.

MTA’s Legal Institute for Township Attorneys
9:30 a.m. Welcome and Overview
Rob Thall, Institute Coordinator & MTA Legal Counsel, Bauckham, Sparks, Thall, Seeber & Kaufman, PC

9:35 a.m. Nestle Water v Township of Osceola
William Fabey, Attorney, Fabey Schultz Burzych Rhodes PLC

10:30 a.m. Legal Issues in Setting Municipal Assessments, Fees and Charges
Soni Mithani, Attorney, Miller Canfield

11:30 a.m. New Legislation
Judy Allen, MTA Director of Government Relations

12:30 p.m. Networking Luncheon

1:30 p.m. Small Cell Wireless Regulation
Jeffrey Sluggett, Attorney, Bloom Sluggett PC and Mike Watza, Attorney, Kitch Drutchas Wagner Valitutti & Sherbrook

2:30 p.m. Zoning Update
Amanda Zdarsky, Attorney, McGraw Morris, PC

3:30 p.m. FOIA and OMA Update
Leslie Dickinson, Attorney, Foster Swift Collins & Smith, PC

4:30 p.m. Adjourn

Legal Institute Registration Form

Name>Title
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Firm/Organization Name
Township(s) Represented (include county)
Email
Telephone

# of Attendees>Registration Rate>Total
EARLY-BIRD rate: $224/attendee
For paid registrations received by March 30.
REGULAR rate: $249/attendee
For paid registrations received from March 31-April 13.
ON-SITE rate: $299/attendee
For paid registrations received after April 13.

Payment must accompany form in order to be processed.

Three Ways to Register:
Online registration is available to individuals that have attended MTA events in the past; visit www.michigantownships.org.
Mail your completed registration form with payment to MTA, P.O. Box 80078, Lansing, MI 48908-0078.
Payment via credit card may be faxed to (517) 321-8908.