

# 2012 Nebraska Annual Planning and Zoning Institute Series

## Grand Island NE/Holiday Inn Midtown/ March 29, 2012

Sponsored by: Nebraska Planning and Zoning Association  
Nebraska Chapter of the American Planning Association

### **Legal Issues /Concurrent session: Professional Responsibility, Ethics, and Conflicts of Interest**

1:30 pm- 3:30 pm (Thursday---March 29, 2012) (Thursday only \$55.00/ lunch 11:45 am- 1:15 pm)

**Professional Responsibility, Ethics, and Conflicts of Interest: Presenters---Sue Schwartz, FAICP, Community Development Director, City of Greensboro, North Carolina. Ms. Schwartz, FAICP, is the immediate past-president of the American Institute of Planners. Ms. Schwartz has 20 years in planning experience and conducting educational seminars. David C. Levy, Attorney, Partner Baird Holmes LLC, is Chair of the Real Estate Section, Baird Holm LLP, Attorneys at Law. Mr. Levy represents clients in zoning, land use, energy, environmental and general real estate matters, in transactional, administrative, legislative and judicial proceedings**

#### **The Legal Issues Institute agenda for professional responsibility, ethics, and conflicts of interest**

*This session will be helpful to all planners/attorneys/officials that face many ethical dilemmas. An overview of Ethics and Professional Conduct will be given along with a description of ethics principles and rules of conduct. The two session speakers will share "real life" ethical situations and scenarios. Come and learn about ethical situations that your peers face in the region and on a national basis.*

*How to recognize, handle, and carry-out your responsibilities to avoid a real or perceived conflicts of interest as you represent a client. How not to become embedded in the situation in which a public official or fiduciary who, contrary to the obligation and absolute duty to act for the benefit of the public or a designated individual, exploits the relationship for personal benefit, typically pecuniary. The presenters cover lawyers and planners responsibility in following rules of professional conduct.*

**Sue Swartz**, Community Development Director and former neighborhood planning manager for the City of Greensboro, North Carolina. Ms. Schwartz served as the community planner for the city from 1987 to 2002. She has served two terms on the AICP Commission, and also served a term as secretary-treasurer and as vice chair of APA's Chapter President's Council. In addition, Ms. Schwartz has served as both vice president and president of APA's (American Planning Association) North Carolina chapter, winning the Karen B. Smith Award for excellence in chapter programs in 1995. She has a B.S. in Geography and Urban Studies from the University of Pittsburgh, and a Master of Arts from the University of North Carolina, Charlotte.

**David C. Levy**, attorney, Partner Baird Holmes LLC is has served as an Adjunct Professor in Land Use Law at the University Of San Francisco School Of Law, and has taught legal writing at Creighton University School of Law. Mr. Levy is admitted to practice law in California, Iowa and Nebraska, and has earned the American Institute of Certified Planners designation, the City Planning profession's highest level of certification. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Levy practiced land use and environmental law with a firm in San Francisco. Before beginning his legal career, he worked for seven years as a City Planner for the City and County of San Francisco. Mr. Levy is a native of Lincoln, Nebraska

#### **Schedule**

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**2503 South Locust Street, Grand Island, NE .....Thursday, March 29, 2012**

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