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## **Office of the Attorney General to Hold Open Meetings Act (OMA) and Inspection of Public Records Act (IPRA) Training in Truth or Consequences**

*Truth or Consequences, NM* - Attorneys from the Office of the Attorney General are traveling throughout New Mexico for the remainder of the year, offering free training sessions on Sunshine Laws designed to help government agencies and municipalities better understand the requirements of the state's Inspection of Public Records Act (IPRA) and its Open Meetings Act (OMA). The training sessions will be held monthly through the end of the year.

IPRA defines what information agencies must release to the public. The Act recognizes that "all persons are entitled to the greatest possible information regarding the affairs of government" and that providing public information is "an essential function of a representative government and an integral part of the routine duties of public officers and employees."

OMA is designed to ensure that the affairs of government are conducted in public and that "the conduct of business by vote shall not be conducted in closed meeting."

**WHO:** Attorneys from the Office of the Attorney General, the public, government officials and the media

**WHAT:** OMA & IPRA training

**WHERE:** City of Truth or Consequences, Ralph Edwards Auditorium-Civic Center, 400 W. 4th Avenue, Truth or Consequences, NM 87901

**WHEN:** Wednesday, June 17 from 9 AM to 12 PM

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