



2011 NCSL Legislative Summit

San Antonio, Texas

Crafting Legislation in a Dynamic Environment

**Monday, August 8, 2011
1:00 pm - 2:45 pm**

Drafting legislation that is constitutional, complies with drafting conventions and meets the policy needs of legislators and constituents is often challenging. Examine sample bills and best practices for crafting the best legislation possible.

Agenda

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| 1:00 – 1:10 p.m. | Welcome and Introductions

Jeff Archer, Chief Legislative Counsel, Texas Legislative Council |
| 1:10 – 2:25 p.m. | Speakers' Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jeff Archer, Chief Legislative Counsel, Texas Legislative Council• Susan Alexander, Legislative Counsel, Texas Legislative Council• Kelly Lowe, Attorney, Texas Legislative Council• Mark Moore, Legislative Counsel, Texas Legislative Council• Anne Temple Peters, Attorney, Texas Legislative Council |
| 2:25 – 2:45 p.m. | Questions from the Audience |

Faculty Bios

Jeff Archer, Chief Legislative Counsel for the Texas Legislative Council, has 29 years of experience drafting legislation and advising legislators in a broad range of subjects, including taxation, state finance, higher education, criminal law, gaming, constitutional law, legislative procedure, ethics, and redistricting. Mr. Archer served as the principal counsel for the Texas Legislature for redistricting in the 1990s, and is a co-author of the council publication *State and Federal Law Governing Redistricting in Texas*. Mr. Archer has been the primary drafter for a

number of legislative measures to update the Texas Constitution, and presents an annual continuing legal education seminar in legal and legislative ethics for attorneys in the legislative branch. Mr. Archer received a BA with Highest Honors in Classics from The University of Texas and a JD with Honors from The University of Texas School of Law.

Susan Alexander has been an attorney with the Texas Legislative Council for 11 years. She was a middle-school teacher for six years in California, Colorado, and Texas, a systems engineer for 16 years at IBM, and an editor of English textbooks for two years Holt, Rinehart, and Winston. She received her JD from The University of Texas School of Law in 2000. Ms. Alexander is a reviewer of environmental law drafts and is the senior drafting attorney in public retirement law, parks and wildlife, and special water districts. She has served as an assistant chief and chief revisor of the codification of Texas special districts laws.

Kelly Lowe has been a legislative attorney with the Texas Legislative Council for almost 15 years and currently serves as a senior reviewer and drafter in criminal law, higher education, and housing. She has served as a chief revisor of the codification of Texas special districts laws. In addition to her work for the council, she has served as an attorney ad litem in CPS cases, and in 2002 participated in the ABA-Ceeli Rule of Law Initiative, serving in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, to assist with the English translation of the new nation's Criminal Procedure Code. Ms. Lowe received her B.A. with Honors from Southern Methodist University in 1991 and her J.D. from The University of Texas School of Law in 1995.

Mark Moore, Legislative Counsel for the Texas Legislative Council, has been a lawyer for 21 years and in Texas state government for 13 years. He has 11 years of experience drafting legislation and advising legislators in a broad range of subjects, including taxation, special districts and other local governments, state agencies, and occupational regulation. Mr. Moore is a frequent presenter on various legislative subjects. Mr. Moore graduated from The University of Texas in 1984 in business and from The University of Texas School of Law in 1990.

Anne Temple Peters has been working as an attorney for the Texas Legislative Council since 2000. She drafts and reviews legislation in the areas of business and finance, elections, ethics and campaign finance, and local government. Ms. Peters recently served as a chief revisor of the recodification of Texas probate and estate laws. Ms. Peters is a graduate of Texas A&M University and The University of Texas School of Law.