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Event: Drafting Effective Federal Legislation and Amendments, one-day seminar, Washington, DC, July 29, 2009

**TheCapitol.Net Hosts Drafting Effective Federal Legislation and Amendments:
A Hands-On How to Program for Professionals**

ALEXANDRIA, VA-June 23, 2009-TheCapitol.Net- Do you or your staff need assistance shaping a piece of legislation or an amendment? If yes, look no further than TheCapitol.Net's comprehensive, one-stop course, **Drafting Effective Federal Legislation and Amendments** on July 29, 2009.

Attendees gain a hands-on, how-to guide from faculty, starting with putting their thoughts on paper, to drafting, style, and organizational guidelines. This course is meant for professionals who have advanced negotiating, strategic thinking, and written communication skills. Participants should have familiarity with congressional documents, operations and procedures.

Experienced legislative drafters will show attendees how to:

- Research and define your audience
- Improve your measure's appeal
- Assess existing law and policy objectives
- Structure bills and amendments to streamline the drafting process
- Comply with the U.S. Code rules of construction, style, grammar and punctuation
- Use drafting styles that work in your favor
- Apply drafting language to your ideas and goals

Attendees will learn about guidelines for writing a piece of legislation, drafting styles, and approval and transmittal motions for federal agencies including the Office of Management and Budget clearance process.

As part of the course, attendees participate in hands-on exercises where they dissect errors in a sample piece of legislation to draft their own legislation, while faculty give one-on-one feedback and guidance.

The conference is approved for .6 CEU credits from George Mason University. Fee includes all course materials, the training edition of the *Legislative Drafter's Deskbook*, a continental breakfast, and a networking lunch. To preserve the small-group, hands-on atmosphere, seating is limited. This course is an elective for TheCapitol.Net certificate in Congressional Operations. To register, learn more, or view the complete agenda, please visit <http://www.draftinglegislation.com> or call TheCapitol.Net directly at 703-739-3790.

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