

Hi Jill,

The following is the annual report for the Public Utilities Law section of the State Bar. Let me know if there are any questions.

The Public Utilities Law section has offered several CLE and networking opportunities since the last annual report. The goal of the section is to promote an understanding of issues impacting public utilities and the services they offer. To that end, the CLEs offered by the section over the last year included:

1. October 19, 2023 CLE on Public Utilities ABCs;
2. November 30, 2023 CLE on the Public Service Commission new e-filing system;
3. February 27, 2024 CLE on *Loper Bright* and its potential impacts on practice in Montana;
4. March 26, 2024 ethics CLE on Identifying, Using, and Assessing AI Tools in Practice; and
5. June 6, 2024 CLE on recently published EPA rules on greenhouse gases;

To promote the section and grow membership, the section hosted several networking activities in the summer of 2024, including a happy hour in late June and a members-only tour of NorthWestern Energy's Hauser Dam facility located outside Helena. These events allowed us to grow the membership and interest in the section. The section desires to continue growing and providing quality CLEs for its membership. In the summer of 2024, we issued a survey to our membership seeking input for upcoming CLEs. Based on this survey, the section leadership is in the process of planning several CLEs to be offered over the next fiscal year. If you are interested in learning more about the Public Utilities Law section, please reach out to Sarah Norcott at sarah.norcott@northwestern.com.

Thanks,

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