Welcome
Hugh Stevens, president, North Carolina Open Government Coalition

You've Got E-mail (and we want to see it): The Nuts and Bolts of Access to Government E-mails

**Moderator**
Hugh Stevens, attorney, Everett, Gaskins, Hancock & Stevens

**Panelists**
- Rick Thames, editor, The Charlotte Observer
- Jon Buchan, attorney, McGuire Woods
- John Bussian, attorney, Bussion Law Firm
- Dale Harrison, professor, Elon Univ. School of Comm.
- DeWitt "Mac" McCarley, attorney, City of Charlotte
- Michael Biesecker, reporter, The News & Observer
- Ronnie Glassberg, reporter, The Charlotte Observer
- Diffuse Them

**Topics**
- Why government officials’ emails are public records
- Obtaining regular access to public officials’ emails
- A "how-to" discussion of what's working and what's not in access to Charlotte officials' emails
- An update on the battle for access to former Governor Easley's emails. Is it resolved? How will Governor Perdue handle that issue?

Keeping (or Putting) Public Records Within Reach (and other developing issues)

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**Topics**
- The legislative battle for attorneys’ fees in access cases: where does it stand? Why has it been such a tough fight?
- The growing barriers to access to search warrant information. How will the NC Appellate Courts rule?
- Will the Obama administration’s promises of openness restore the effectiveness of the federal FOIA?
- Tape recording closed sessions of official meetings—a coming trend?
- Mediation of access disputes—a way to avoid the expense of litigation?
- Televising legislative proceedings—an update from the General Assembly.

How Much Do You Really Make?
Applying the New Rules on Disclosure of Public Officials’ Compensation (and other thorny issues)

**Moderator**
Amanda Martin, attorney, Everett, Gaskins, Hancock & Stevens

**Panelists**
- Karen Garloch, health care reporter, The Charlotte Observer
- Linwood Jones, general counsel, North Carolina Hospital Association
- Rollin Prak, attorney, Brooks Pierce

**Topics**
- The Battle for Access to Public Officials’ Full Compensation: How and why the statute was changed?
- Access to Full Compensation for Hospital Officials: Why a special rule for them?
- How the New Statute is Working: One reporter’s inside view
- HIPAA Objections to Public Records Requests and How to Diffuse Them

Lunch

Speaker
Bob Hall, research director, Democracy North Carolina

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