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Connecticut Transportation Updates

Labor & Employment Law Workshop

On March 9, Attorney Lorraine Cortese-Costa will be presenting a Labor & Employment Law workshop at GNHTD, 1014 Sherman Ave in Hamden. Registration begins at 8:30 and the program runs from 9:00-11:30 am. The training is intended to educate employers on the various laws and union contract provisions that come into play when making decisions as to discipline and/or discharge of employees and best practices for avoiding challenges and adverse outcomes in arbitration, administrative proceedings and court. To register, email: mary.cact@yahoo.com or call 860-693-0368. The workshop is free for CACT members, \$15 for non-members.



Legislative Session Begins

The Connecticut General Assembly convenes on Wednesday, February 3 and adjourns on May 4th.

Annual Legislative Breakfast on February 23

The Annual Legislative Breakfast co-sponsored by CACT and WTS will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 23 at the Old Judiciary Room at the state capitol. The keynote speaker is Commissioner James Redeker who will be providing an update on transportation.

Registration and a continental breakfast begins at 8:30 am and the Information session is from 9-10 am. Everyone is asked to register. Please email your name, title, company to either Mary Tomolonius at mary.cact@yahoo.com or Sandra Dumas at sdumas@haks.net.



CACT Membership Meeting on Feb. 23

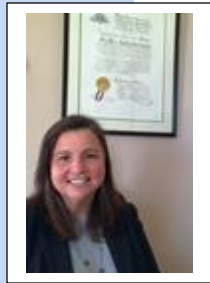
Immediately following the Annual Legislative Breakfast, CACT will be holding a very brief membership meeting to elect Executive Committee board members due to the recent resignation of Richard Bangs, Treasurer (who resigned from Norwalk Transit District to take a new job as a CPA) and Stephanie Scavelli (who resigned from HART to pursue other opportunities). We wish to thank both board members for their outstanding dedication to CACT and for all the work they did as board members.

Lockbox a Priority

Governor Malloy held a press conference on Monday, February 1 at the Meriden Train Station reiterating the need to adopt a constitutional amendment for a lockbox, noting the need to have a super majority to get the issue on the November 2016 ballot. The Governor said "investment in transportation is essential to our future."



*Commissioner
James Redeker
introducing
Governor Malloy at
Meriden Train
Station.*



CACT Member Highlight

Loraine Cortese-Costa, principal attorney for the Law Offices of Loraine Cortese-Costa.

Lorraine worked for a national labor and employment law firm in New York City before settling in Connecticut. She was a Director with Durant, Nichols, Houston, Hodgson & Cortese-Costa, P.C., a Bridgeport based labor and employment law firm, for over twenty years and has represented management in hundreds of labor and employment matters in the state and federal courts, Departments of Labor, CHRO, NLRB, State Board of Labor Relations, collective bargaining and arbitration. She counsels Human Resources executives on compliance and policy development, advises on all types of personnel issues and actions and provides executive and supervisory training. Loraine represents many clients in the transit industry including CACT members; she has developed a comprehensive database of comparative wage, benefit and union contract provisions in the transit industry throughout Connecticut and New England. She is admitted to the Connecticut and New York bars and formerly chaired the Labor and Employment section of the Greater Bridgeport Bar Association. Loraine comes from a thoroughly transit family; her grandfather, father and three brothers all had careers with the MTA and she has a keen interest in transportation development.

CACT Member Highlights

If you or a staff member would like to be featured in an upcoming issue, please send your bio and a jpeg photo to Mary Tomolonius at mary.cact@yahoo.com.

Advertising in the CACT Newsletter

The rates are full page \$300; ½ page \$150; and ¼ page \$100. CACT members receive a 10% discount. All ads must be submitted prior to the last week of the month to mary.cact@yahoo.com.

Post Your Job in the CACT Newsletter

If you have an opening at your organization, we can include it in our newsletter. All postings must be emailed 7 days before the end of the month. The rates are full page \$300; ½ page \$150; and ¼ page \$100. CACT Members receive a 10% discount.

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Lockbox Opinions

The Hartford Courant recent editorial (Tuesday, January 26, 2016) "Get The Lockbox" notes "Ever since the Special Transportation Fund was created in 1983 following the Mianus River Bridge collapse, money from that fund has been used to help run the state Department of Motor Vehicles and balance the state budget." Commissioner Redekers Hartford Courant opinion letter (February 1, 2016) "residents...need a promise that the investment (in transportation) won't be diverted, as it has been so many times in the past...we need a lockbox to move forward."

CPTC Annual Report Available

The 2015 CPTC Report is available at http://www.ct.gov/dot/lib/dot/CPTC_2015_Annual_Report.pdf and includes one of the following recommendations: "The first recommendation supports Governor Malloy's call for a constitutional amendment to protect the Special Transportation Fund from reallocation of its resources to other state uses. But this support is conditioned on any such constitutional amendment not only safeguarding the existing balance in the Fund but also protecting all revenue streams that are by law programmed to go into the Fund from being diverted to other uses before they are collected and deposited in the Fund. The latter situation is what has historically occurred with diversions from the Special Transportation Fund."

Calendar

- **Wed., Feb. 3, 2016, Legislative Session convenes**
- **Thurs., Feb. 18, 2016, 9:30 am, CACT Executive Committee Board Meeting, MAT Maintenance Facility, 91 North Main St, Middletown**
- **Tues., Feb. 23, 2016, 9:00 am Annual Legislative Breakfast, Old Judiciary Room (registration 8:30)**
- **Wed., Mar. 9, 2016, 9:00 -11:30 am Labor and Employment Law Issues to Watch for in 2016-2017, GNHTD, 1014 Sherman Ave, Hamden**
- **Thurs., Mar. 17, 2016, 9:30 am, CACT Executive Committee Board Meeting, MAT Maintenance Facility, 91 North Main St, Middletown**
- **Wed., Apr. 20, 2016, 9:00 am Understanding ADA workshop, GHTD**
- **Thurs., Apr. 21, 2016, 9:30 am, CACT Executive Committee Board Meeting, MAT Maintenance Facility, 91 North Main St, Middletown**
- **Thurs., May 19, 2016, 9:30 am, CACT Executive Committee Board Meeting, MAT Maintenance Facility, 91 North Main St, Middletown**
- **Thurs., Jun. 16, 2016, 9:30 am, CACT Executive Committee Board Meeting, MAT Maintenance Facility, 91 North Main St, Middletown**
- **Wed., June 22, 2016, 11:30 am, Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon**
- **Tues., Sept., 2016, 9:00 am, Annual Golf Tournament, Blue Fox Run Golf Course, Avon (registration 8:30 am)**

Full Time Employment Opportunity

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR SOUTHEAST AREA TRANSIT DISTRICT

The District is the region's public transportation provider with a strong public service ethic. We are looking for an energetic, conscientious and detail oriented individual who enjoys making a difference, a quick learner who can take the initiative and someone who enjoys being part of a small team that takes pride in their service to the community. **JOB DESCRIPTION/RESPONSIBILITIES:** Provide administrative support for the District. Oversees the Americans with Disabilities Act program by managing the customer database, interviewing applicants, coordinates service delivery with the provider, and ensures compliance with Federal regulations. Assists in the development and implementation of the District's marketing and community outreach program. Updates and maintains the District's website and social media. Assists in processing daily cash revenues. Generate, maintain and manage reports designed to provide analytical support to the General Manager and Board of Directors. Provides administrative support to the Board of Directors, including taking meeting notes and preparing meeting minutes. Assists management team in preparing and overseeing major procurements to ensure compliance with Federal and State grant requirements. Assists General Manager in monitoring and reporting the District's Civil Rights policies, including Title VI and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Programs. Provide additional administrative support for the Management team as requested.-Takes on Special Projects as assigned. **REQUIREMENTS/QUALIFICATIONS:** Associates or Bachelor's Degree or five years' experience in similar fields. Proficient in MS Office suite, Email, Internet and Social Media. Requires strong communication skills, both verbal and written, organizational skills, both analytical and problem solving, and the ability to work with confidential documents. Ability to work independently, manage multiple tasks and achieve deadlines under pressure. Ability to travel for training and outreach. We offer competitive compensation and excellent benefits including, medical, dental, vision, life, disability, paid vacation and personal days, 457k and an EAP program. Due to the anticipated volume of responses, we will contact only those candidates who most closely match our requirements. Applications accepted through February 19, 2016. SEAT is an EEO Employer.

Please send SEAT application, resume and salary requirement to:

General Manager

Mail: 21 Route 12, Preston CT 06365 Fax: 860-886-6097

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