

THE FINAL PRE-PUBLICATION VERSION OF "THE SEDONA GUIDELINES: BEST PRACTICES ADDRESSING PROTECTIVE ORDERS, CONFIDENTIALITY & PUBLIC ACCESS IN CIVIL CASES" IS NOW POSTED IN THE MEMBERS-ONLY AREA OF THE WEB SITE; ALL-GROUP CONFERENCE CALL SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY FEBRUARY 27, 4 P.M. EASTERN TIME

Howdy from The Sedona Conference! I am very pleased to announce that after several weeks of painstaking work by our editorial committee (Ron Hedges, Laurie Dore, Greg Wood, Bob Deyling and Ken Withers), we have arrived at a final version of the Guidelines. The committee took into consideration all of your thoughtful comments, suggestions and proposed rewrites, and has come up with a balanced, authoritative, and practical set of guidelines that we think will carry on the Sedona Conference tradition of moving the law forward in a just and reasoned way. Many thanks to the committee for their hours of work, and many thanks to all of you for your many contributions over a record 18-month comment period.

To access the final draft, go to the WG2 "Member Only" area of the web site. It appears at the top of the list under the "Drafts" tab. Over the next few days, Ken Withers will also post some of the major contributions to the final round of comments, including an Excel spreadsheet of the many shorter email comments. Please note that this latest draft, as well as the comments, are confidential Working Group discussion and not to be circulated beyond the membership.

We have scheduled an all-Working Group conference call for Tuesday February 27 at 4 p.m. Eastern time to take any questions about the final draft and the editorial process before we start formatting the public version, and to talk about 2007 educational projects, using the Guidelines as our foundation. The call-in number will be 888-311-9051 and the password will be 345435 followed by the # key.

So this month we will wrap up the most dynamic, far-reaching public comment in the history of The Sedona Conference, and embark on an exciting new project for WG2. Thanks again to the editorial team, and thanks again to everyone for their input. Best wishes, r.

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