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101 Basic Election Law

- 1) Identify key elements of Florida election law.
- 2) Recognize vital issues associated with HAVA.
- 3) Analyze “what if?” scenarios on conducting elections.
- 4) Review essential resources on Florida and federal election laws.

102 Voter Registration

- 1) Analyze the impact of voter registration history on current procedures.
- 2) Identify legal requirements for election offices and 3PVRO.
- 3) Discuss key updates in the voter registration system.
- 4) Problem-solve potential dilemmas dealing with voter registration.

103 Voting Systems

- 1) Identify key terms and definitions associated with Florida voting systems.
- 2) Distinguish between voting system software and tabulator firmware.
- 3) Identify various voting systems used in Florida.
- 4) Recognize the major components of configuration management.

104 Fundamentals of Customer Service

- 1) Identify key moments of truth for the customer within the election experience.
- 2) Recognize the importance of non-verbal communication and body language.
- 3) Develop effective strategies for gaining confidence and compliance from the customer.
- 4) Practice effective telephone etiquette.

105 Ethics & Liability

- 1) Recognize six key concepts of ethical behavior in public service.
- 2) Evaluate scenarios involving hypothetical issues in the workplace.
- 3) Identify and explain relevant state disclosure forms.
- 4) Assess personal character and responsibility.
- 5) Analyze warning signs of potential ethical compromises.

Note: This class meets the statutory requirement for elected officials.

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106 Vote-by-Mail

- 1) Review the history and development of vote-by-mail in the U.S. and Florida.
- 2) Analyze local and statewide vote-by-mail trends.
- 3) Evaluate vote-by-mail legal and procedural requirements.
- 4) Share best practices in the administration of vote-by-mail.

107 Polling Place Management & Facilities

- 1) Analyze the selection and evaluation of polling places.
- 2) Evaluate the process to determine equipment allocation.
- 3) Share best practices in managing campaigning at the polling places.
- 4) Practice resolving polling place challenges.

108 Budget Development

- 1) Identify various steps associated with a county budget process.
- 2) Develop a sample core operating budget.
- 3) Develop a sample elections office budget.
- 4) Discuss and evaluate the formal and informal procedures for county and elections budget development.

109 Human Resource Management: Laws & Hiring

- 1) Identify key employment laws relating to elections offices.
- 2) Practice effective interviewing techniques.
- 3) Create an action plan for enhancing employee on-boarding.
- 4) Evaluate various approaches for handling "problem" employees.
- 5) Recognize guidelines for adherence to EEO statutes.

110 Human Resource Management: Development & Separation

- 1) Evaluate common employee appraisal and development methods.
- 2) Demonstrate conducting an effective employee appraisal.
- 3) Identify key components in successfully coaching employees.
- 4) Develop a draft of an employee incentive plan for workplace use.
- 5) Discuss the dos and don'ts in terminating an employee.

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111 Information Technology

- 1) Identify key terms and definitions associated with technology.
- 2) Explain how critical systems operate.
- 3) Develop a technology security plan.
- 4) Share best practices in elections information technology.

112 Professional Communication Skills

- 1) Practice effective communication skills to facilitate constructive office relationships and team productivity.
- 2) Develop listening skills to process and respond to diverse information.
- 3) Assess and discuss strengths and developmental needs in communication.
- 4) Develop individual action plan for enhancing communication skills.

113 Effective Meeting Management

- 1) Identify effective meeting management and facilitation practices.
- 2) Practice using parliamentary procedure and Robert's Rules of Order.
- 3) Draft an action plan for integrating meeting management skills.

114 Canvassing Board Process

- 1) Identify and dramatize common canvassing board practices.
- 2) Recognize relevant duties of the canvassing board.
- 3) Classify relevant canvassing board court decisions.
- 4) Evaluate canvassing board issues associated with the public and the media.

115 Post-Election Ballot Management: Audits & Recounts

- 1) Identify legal requirements for audit and recounts.
- 2) Identify security and prior planning needs.
- 3) Distinguish between a machine recount and a manual recount.
- 4) Distinguish between various methods of post election audits.

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116 Candidate Qualifying

- 1) Identify applicable administrative rules for candidate qualifying.
- 2) Recognize the steps involved in the qualifying process.
- 3) Participate in a case study of petition requirements.
- 4) Evaluate current court cases relating to candidate qualifying.

117 Voter Outreach & Education

- 1) Identify best practices in community and student engagement.
- 2) Share ways to maximize outreach activities through volunteers and partners.
- 3) Develop a plan to meet community needs and statutory requirements.
- 4) Evaluate effectiveness of education and outreach programs.

118 Election Worker Management

- 1) Evaluate strategies for locating and hiring election workers.
- 2) Examine various election worker training materials and equipment.
- 3) Recognize best practices for serving voters with diverse needs.
- 4) Identify and discuss common election issues facing election workers.
- 5) Share election worker evaluation and retention practices.

119 Public Records Management

- 1) Identify key terms and definitions relating to records retention.
- 2) Demonstrate knowledge about public records through a case study.
- 3) Identify legal requirements involving privacy and the public's right to know.
- 4) Share best practices and create an action plan for records management.

120 Continuity of Operations

- 1) Identify key facilities essential for elections.
- 2) Develop a list of critical staff and tasks necessary to carry out an election.
- 3) Analyze "what if?" scenarios on conducting elections, such as hurricanes.
- 4) Discuss and create a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP).

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121 Media Relations

- 1) Evaluate examples dealing with positive and negative media coverage.
- 2) Identify key elements of an effective press release/media message.
- 3) Identify target audiences and effective communication channels.
- 4) Develop a communications plan for the elections office.

122 Conflict Resolution

- 1) Identify main components of organizational conflict.
- 2) Assess personal conflict resolution style.
- 3) Examine participatory decision-making and when to use various options.
- 4) Practice effective skills for resolving conflict/negotiation in role-play scenario.
- 5) Create an action plan for dealing with conflict situations.

123 Performance Management & Coaching

- 1) Identify the steps to performance management.
- 2) Recognize the five roles of coaching.
- 3) Distinguish between mentoring, coaching and counseling.
- 4) List and evaluate a variety of ways to motivate others.
- 5) Practice a coaching/feedback session.

124 Developing & Maintaining an Effective Team

- 1) Identify the differences between a work-group and a team.
- 2) Explore how generational experiences impact workplace relationships.
- 3) Gain understanding of the characteristics of a high performance team.
- 4) Practice developing and maintaining a team in a role-play scenario.
- 5) Create an action plan to promote teamwork within your department.

125 Stress & Time Management

- 1) Recognize the physical and emotional damage caused by stress.
- 2) Identify characteristics of stress triggers.
- 3) Evaluate effective time management skills.
- 4) Create an action plan to manage stress and improve time management.

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126 Managing Change

- 1) Recognize how and why people resist change.
- 2) Identify strategies for accepting change.
- 3) Explore the connection between accepting change and optimistic thinking.
- 4) Develop skills to promote positive change in the workplace.

127 Making Powerful Presentations

- 1) Identify key elements of the communication process.
- 2) Demonstrate proficiency in developing an effective presentation.
- 3) Evaluate strategies for personal stress reduction as a speaker.
- 4) Analyze techniques for increasing effectiveness and impact of presentations.
- 5) Create and deliver a 3-minute presentation.

128 Fundamentals of Leadership

- 1) Distinguish between leadership and management.
- 2) Assess personal leadership characteristics.
- 3) Consider the impact of personal ethics in the leadership role.
- 4) Assess personal delegation style and strategies.
- 5) Create action plan for mentoring and building leaders.

129 Systems Thinking

- 1) Recognize elements of systems thinking and their impact on decisions and behaviors.
- 2) Identify the system structures behind problems.
- 3) Evaluate mental models and their overall affect on the system.
- 4) Create a plan to implement changes in the system.

130 Creativity & Innovative Thinking

- 1) Recognize elements of creative/innovative thinking.
- 2) Assess brain dominance and preference.
- 3) Identify a workplace opportunity for problem solving in six steps.
- 4) Practice strategies for idea generation.
- 5) Share strategies for fostering creativity and innovative thinking.