MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN TO ATTEND

GEAR UP FOR GRANTS: UNDERSTANDING THE FEDERAL BUDGET PROCESS
Presented by: Lee & Smith, PC
October 26, 2015
1:00pm-3:00pm
NDSU Memorial Union Plains Room

Discussion topics will include:

- Federal Budget Development – Roles of the Executive Branch and Congress
- Setting Science & Technology budget priorities – Roles of OMB and the Office of Science and Technology
- Relationship of authorization and appropriations bills
- Sequestration and its impact on federal funding
- Trends in Federal R&D Budgeting
- Strategic tips for applying to federal grant agencies

This session will be presented by David B. Lee and Nicholas L. Crockett of Lee & Smith, PC.

Don’t miss this chance to get a fresh perspective on the federal budgeting process and learn tips to augment your competitiveness!
DAVID B. LEE
Mr. Lee is a founding principal of Lee & Smith, PC, a Washington DC based law firm specializing in federal legislative and regulatory matters. The Firm's commitment to ethical and vigorous advocacy has earned it an AV Preeminent rating, the highest peer review rating in the legal profession. Mr. Lee is a frequent lecturer on matters relating to the federal legislative process.
Mr. Lee began his Washington career on Capitol Hill where he held several senior staff positions including counsel and chief of staff to a member of Congress. Since 1981, Mr. Lee has been in private practice. His clients include public land grant institutions, research foundations, and municipalities.
For more than fifteen years, Mr. Lee has been an advocate for NDSU in Washington and has served as the institution’s registered lobbyist. During this period, Mr. Lee has helped NDSU develop and implement strategies resulting in more than $500 million in federal research and infrastructure funding.

NICHOLAS L. CROCKETT
Mr. Crockett joined Lee & Smith, PC in 2007 as the firm’s Director of Legislative & Strategic Federal Initiatives. Since then, as a registered lobbyist for NDSU, Mr. Crockett has helped develop and implement the University’s Federal legislative, policy and funding strategies.
Mr. Crockett’s federal relations practice concentrates on federal initiatives to secure funding through the federal appropriations, grant, programmatic request and congressional authorization processes. Mr. Crockett’s client focus is advising public entities including institutions of higher education, municipalities, transit authorities, public utilities as well as small, emerging defense and biotech companies.
Mr. Crockett earned a Bachelor of Arts with Distinction (magna cum laude) from the University of Virginia, double majoring in Spanish Literature and in Latin American Political Science, with a minor in Economics. He also received a Juris Doctor from the University of Virginia. Mr. Crockett is a frequent lecturer on the Federal legislative and funding process for municipalities, public utilities and universities across the country.