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Condo law seminars set to begin next month

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With numerous changes enacted this year to the state's condo laws, local law firm Kaye & Bender will begin offering a series of free seminars each month starting in October.

The series, which aims to educate condo boards and residents about changes to the law, is in its third year. Kaye & Bender representatives say the free seminars are a way to reach out to the community and clear up misconceptions while also providing free legal advice to participants.

"We want to give them guidance on how the

changes affect their community and for them to see how they can improve their community in regards to enforcement of their documents, collection of fees and what the board can and cannot do," said Michael Bender, a partner and lawyer with the firm.

Senate Bill 1196, which became law on July 1, will be a hot topic at the seminars. Bender said the pros and cons of the bill will be discussed.

"It's an opportunity for community leaders to get information and be better informed on the changes

in the laws," Bender said.

Along with discussion of the various changes to condo law, the seminars will deal with the powers of board members and also will be used to clear up misconceptions regarding the rights of boards and unit owners.

A question-and-answer session will provide residents and boards with an opportunity to seek legal advice and clear up myths associated with the new bill, as well as offer strategies on how to implement the new laws

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into communities. Any topics that interest participants will also be up for discussion.

"Our goal is to get resi-

dents to better understand the changes in the laws and how they affect their daily operations," said Robert Kaye, a partner and lawyer in the law firm.

In addition to presentations from Kaye & Bender, each seminar will feature other representatives of the firm lecturing on a range of topics.

With so many laws and

statutes written in complex legal terminology, associations and residents can be overwhelmed with the ramifications. That's why the firm has been hosting the seminars for

the past three years.

"It's always a transition to incorporate the new laws, and we want to make that transition easier and less intimidating," Kaye said.

For information on the upcoming seminars, e-mail Kaye & Bender at info@kayebender-law.com.