

What people are *saying...*

“Excellent non-partisan presentation,
extremely helpful...great speaker with
helpful information.”

-Deborah Johansson
DIHD

“Wonderful speech, great articulation
and master of his subject.”

-Mike Bledsoe
DIHD

Excellent informal presentation...Has
given me inspiration and education to
contact and maintain relationships with
my legislator.”

-Steve Stockton
ISAO

“Tom was to the point and precise, not
typical of legislators...good use of
humor.”

-Lisa Drew
DIHD

Excellent blend of personal experience
with professional knowledge, refreshing
and smart.”

-Andy Bauer
GPG



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TOM RYDER
Professional Public Speaker



Who is *Tom Ryder?*

Tom Ryder was raised on a grain and livestock farm in Medora, Illinois in rural Jersey County. In 1971 Tom graduated Magna Cum Laude from Northern Illinois University with a Bachelors degree in Political Science. In 1975 Tom received his Law Degree from Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia. Tom returned to Illinois and became a practicing Attorney in Jerseyville, Illinois.

In 1983 Tom was appointed as a State Representative and served his district with distinction until 2001 when he resigned to become a Vice President of the Illinois Community College Board.

Since February 2004 Tom has continued his service to the public as a lobbyist and a professional public speaker.

During his eighteen years in the Illinois Legislator, Tom was a Deputy Leader in the House of Representatives, the second highest leadership role. Tom also served as a "Budgeteer" for his caucus and was the longest serving Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules. Tom was the 2000 National Chair of the Council of State Governments which includes legislators from all of the states, all executive officers from the state, and all state judges.

Tom Ryder is now a professional public speaker, sharing his vast experiences and knowledge as a lawyer, an Illinois Legislator, a father and a husband.

Topics *of discussion*

How to *Lobby Your State Legislator*

This is a structured approach to grass roots lobbying. A highly informative speech that is targeted for any organization, business or interest group that wishes to participate in public policy.

Constituent Services 101: *The Electronic Legislator*

A practical and organized approach to providing responsive and election winning constituent service. This speech gives excellent first hand examples of the best techniques in keeping constituents happy.

What Makes You Think *We Read Those Bills?*

Personal and humorous anecdotes and experiences from the public and private life of a state representative. This speech is designed for after dinner functions to entertain as well as inform audiences using the lighter side of life and politics.

Booking *Information*

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