



84th Annual Conference

September 18-22, 2019 - Atlanta, GA

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Wednesday, September 18, 2019

TIME	LOCATION	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	SPEAKERS
	2nd Floor Pre-Function	Registration		
8:00AM to 12:00PM		BOD Breakfast / Meeting		
8:15AM to 5:00PM	Salon E	ILGL Program	See Program Below.	
8:30AM to 4:45PM	Salon D	Code Program	See Program Below.	
2:00PM to 3:00PM		Large Population Meeting		
3:00PM tp 3:15PM		Coffee Break		
3:15PM to 4:45PM	Salon BC	State League		
5:00PM to 6:00PM		State League/First Time Attendee Reception	Invite Only - See Registration for Details	

Thursday, September 19, 2019

TIME	LOCATION	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	SPEAKERS
	2nd Floor Pre-Function	Registration		
7:30AM to 8:30AM		Past President Breakfast		
8:30AM to 9:00AM		Opening Ceremonies		
9:00AM to 5:15PM		Georgia Day		
9:00AM to 10:30AM		Municipal Finance: Updates on SEC Continuing Disclosure Obligations		Melissa Lopez Rogers, Peter Andrews & Doug Selby Moderator: Serena Nowell
9:00AM to 10:30AM		Learning How You Can Use Data for Transportation Planning and Assessing the Risks of Doing so	In addition to discussing all the benefits that increased mobility data brings in terms of transportation planning, this presentation will also explore the legal risks including privacy, security, and open records issues.	

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10:30AM to 10:45AM	2nd Floor Pre-Function	Coffee Break		
10:45AM to 12:15PM		Construction Contracts Presentation		
10:45AM to 12:15PM		Work Session TBD		
12:15PM to 2:00PM		Lunch (Keynote)		
2:00PM to 3:00PM		Litigation Section Meet- ing: Mock Trial	Speakers will present a mock trial, one presenter taking the plaintiff's side of the case and the other the defendnat's side of the case. The case presented will be an actual case heading to trial and audience feedback will be solicited.	John Wilkerson & Sara Monaghan
2:00PM to 3:00PM	206/207	Concurrent Presentation TBD		
2:00PM to 3:00PM	204/205	Concurrent Presentation TBD		
2:00PM to 3:00PM	209-210	An Update on WOTUS and the Clean Water Act		
2:00PM to 3:00PM	212-214	How AI and Analytics are Changing Legal Practice	<p>Portrait Mode on your cell phone. Uber. Amazon. Spotify. Fraud protection on your credit card. Google Maps route planning. Mobile Check deposits. Watson. Alexa. Siri. Artificial Intelligence and analytics are already a part of our daily lives. Now, it's a part of legal research, allowing us to make more connections and get faster answers than ever before. The addition of AI-enhanced research capabilities will improve attorney efficiency. AI isn't a "robot lawyer," it supports and compliments the work already being done by attorneys.</p> <p>Learn how new technology utilizes AI to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrate Litigation Analytics to provide data-driven insights into the people, precedents and circumstances you need to know in order to craft the strongest litigation strategy • Warn researchers of law that is invalid or questionable in ways that no citator has ever done before • Provide quick answers to specific legal questions through upgraded search engine capabilities. • Compare changes to statutes and federal regulations (including multiple versions) instantaneously 	
2:00PM to 3:00PM	309-312	TBD		
2:00PM to 3:00PM		International Committee	The agenda will be include discussion and update concerning the IMLA 2019 Berlin trip, tentative plans for IMLA Ireland in 2020	Chairs: Benjamin Griffith & Tyler Wallach
2:00PM to 3:00PM		County Department Meeting		
3:00PM to 3:15PM	2nd Floor Pre-Function	Coffee Break		

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3:15PM to 4:15PM		Telecommunications Section Meeting		
3:15PM to 4:15PM		Concurrent Presentation TBD		
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3:15PM to 4:15PM		An Update on WOTUS and the Clean Water Act		
3:15PM to 4:15PM		Health and Environment Section Meeting: Predicting the Future: Update on Cases and Regulations for the Environmental Law Section Meeting		Gene Tanaka and Rebecca Andrews Gene Tanaka, Section Chair
3:15PM to 4:15PM		How AI and Analytics are Changing Legal Practice	<p>Portrait Mode on your cell phone. Uber. Amazon. Spotify. Fraud protection on your credit card. Google Maps route planning. Mobile Check deposits. Watson. Alexa. Siri. Artificial Intelligence and analytics are already a part of our daily lives. Now, it's a part of legal research, allowing us to make more connections and get faster answers than ever before. The addition of AI-enhanced research capabilities will improve attorney efficiency. AI isn't a "robot lawyer," it supports and compliments the work already being done by attorneys.</p> <p>Learn how new technology utilizes AI to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrate Litigation Analytics to provide data-driven insights into the people, precedents and circumstances you need to know in order to craft the strongest litigation strategy • Warn researchers of law that is invalid or questionable in ways that no citator has ever done before • Provide quick answers to specific legal questions through upgraded search engine capabilities. • Compare changes to statutes and federal regulations (including multiple versions) instantaneously 	
3:15PM to 4:15PM		Technology Section Meeting	The first presentation will focus on technology as it relates to public records disclosure requests.	
3:15PM to 4:15PM		Concurrent Presentation TBD		
3:30PM to 5:30PM		Soccer in the streets		
4:15PM to 5:00PM		Listserv Meeting		
7:00PM to 9:30PM	World of Coke	Welcome Reception		

Friday, September 20, 2019

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	2nd Floor Pre-Function	Registration		
8:00AM to 9:00AM		State Breakfast		
		Canada Day		
9:15AM to 10:15AM	Grand	Case Law Update		Ashley Ulbricht & Benjamin Legge
9:15AM to 10:15AM		Public Private Part- nerships in Economic Development, Sports and Entertainment: A Municipi- pal Practitioner's View		Steven Torres
10:15AM to 10:30AM	2nd Floor Pre-Function	Coffee Break		
10:30AM to 12:00PM		Telecommunications Work Session		
10:30AM to 12:00PM		Emerging First Amend- ment Trends	The First Amendment auditors are coming to town. The first presentation will explore best practices and how to train your personnel in relation to citizens filming public employees and public buildings. Individuals dubbed as "First Amendment auditors" are becoming more common with some videos on YouTube going viral. Their stated goal is to educate the public about their constitutional rights and they often do so by filming public buildings and officials. They do so in a mostly non-confrontational way, but for many civilian employees who don't expect to be filmed, the practice is irksome and for certain governmental buildings, the practice could present safety concerns. If you aren't careful, they could cost your municipality money in the form of a lawsuit and negative publicity. This presentation will explain how you can avoid these pitfalls and how to train your employees to handle these situations. The second presentation will go over the new legal standards in First Amendment retaliatory arrest cases for both municipal policy claims as well as for individual police officers.	
12:00PM to 1:30PM	Galleria North	Awards Lunch		
1:35PM to 2:35PM		Opioid Litigation		
1:35PM to 2:35PM		Investigating Allegations of Public Employee and Public Official Misconduct		
1:35PM to 2:35PM		Common Ground: Small Cells in the ROW and How Local Government and the Industry Can Work Together		Moderator: Rusi Patel

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2:40PM to 3:40PM		Land Use Seciton Meeting: A Practical Approach to Regulating Signs	Struggling to stay constitutional while satisfying your client's sign regulation desires and needs after <i>Reed v. Town of Gilbert</i> ? Then this land use section meeting is for you. Section Co-Chairs Julian Grant and Susan Trevarthen will provide up to date but practical advice on how to thread the needle between political and police desires and constitutional liability.	Susan Trevarthen & Julian Grant Section Chairs: Ron Shaver; Julian Grant, Susan Trevarthen
2:40PM to 3:40PM		E-Discovery Section Meeting: Game of Wrongs: Lessons in ethics and e-discovery when social media posts and technology go wrong	Presenters will use the Model Rules of Professional Conduct, recent state ethics opinions and case law to explore ethical issues arising from social media posts made by attorneys and government officials. Although social media is a great way for municipalities to communicate with the public, in the legal context, a post can go from good to bad, very quickly. Not only can attorneys get in trouble with the state ethics officials and the courts for ill-advised social media posts, but our government clients can also create posts that have unwelcomed legal implications for the City. The presentation will further explore potential issues for litigation, in an ever-changing digital age. Governmental entities are often sued, however, the prevalence of social media, the internet, and technology have changed the landscape of what may be discoverable. Presenters will use real life examples of social media "fails" to help attendees create best practices and policies for municipalities. Presenters will also explore the impact of e-discovery on litigation for government entities and recommend ways to mitigate litigation risks for clients.	Akilah Mance & Leah Hayes
2:40PM to 3:40PM		Small Rural Communities Presentation: Sustainability Initiatives for Local Governments	Brookhaven has three sustainability initiatives we are pursuing: 1: move to all electric city vehicles including police in 5 years; 2: install geothermal heating and cooling in city owned new construction; and 3: install no fewer than 5 EV chargers at all city buildings over next 24 months. This presentation will go over these initiatives and discuss the legal implications including contract reviews and legal issues related to public perceptions. The presenters will also discuss using forfeiture funds for purchasing electric police vehicles.	Mayor John Ernst & City Manager Christian Sigman
2:40PM to 3:40PM		E-Scooters are Coming to Town	This panel discussion will discuss the role of the local government attorney in negotiating with micromobility companies and go over different approaches a local government can take to working with e-scooter companies. Issues to be discussed include: indemnification, insurance, user agreements, data use, record retention and more	Ashley Scott
2:40PM to 3:40PM		Keeping the State from Taking Over Your Local Assets	In 2015, the City of Charlotte fought off the state's effort to take the City's airport under state control. Hear from City officials on their efforts and how you can prevent state encroachment of city assets.	
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2:40PM to 3:40PM		Substance Abuse / Mental Health Presentation		
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3:55PM to 4:55PM		Employment Law Section Meeting: Defending testing programs: legal and practical lessons for local government employers regarding employee selection, retention, and promotion procedures	Municipalities making hiring, promotion, and other selection decisions based on merit or minimum qualification requirements frequently use tests to establish a list of eligible candidates or to assess particular skills or aptitudes. These tests, which include cognitive tests, physical ability tests, personality tests, and drug tests are prone to disparate impact challenges, and mistakes can cost millions of dollars (not to mention reputational exposure). In recent years the federal government has focused its enforcement activities on systemic discrimination in employee selection processes, including cognitive and behavioral assessments, background checks, and drug testing. So-called "honesty tests" will also be discussed. This presentation will help attendees understand the continually-evolving law governing tests and personnel-selection procedures. The presenters will explain how to recognize and correct common deficiencies that trigger government investigations and escalate damage claims. The presentation will also provide practical guidance on labor contract language and due-diligence procedures for employers that rely on third parties to design and/or administer their selection procedures.	R. Lawrence Ashe, Jr., B. Lee Crawford & Paul R. Barsness Moderator: Robin Cross, Personnel Section Chair
3:55PM to 4:55PM		Economic Development / Finance Section Meeting: Green Bonds and Opportunity Zones		Gregory Miller
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2:00PM to 6:00PM		Golf Tournament		
6:00PM to 8:00PM		Softball		

Saturday, September 21, 2019

TIME	LOCATION	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	SPEAKERS
	2nd Floor Pre-Function	Registration		
7:45AM to 8:45AM		WONK Breakfast		
9:00AM to 10:30AM		Blight Fighting Strategies		Steve Barlow & Daniel M. Schaffzin
9:00AM to 10:30AM		First Amendment and Social Media	Municipalities and municipal officials are increasingly turning to social media to communicate with their constituents. As this new “public forum” has evolved, so have the legal challenges. The first presenter will discuss how these activities implicate the First Amendment and share tips for crafting social media policies to govern these activities. The second presenter will provide a more in depth view of the new IMLA model social media policy.	Julie Tappendorf
10:30AM to 10:45AM	2nd Floor Pre-Function	Coffee Break		
10:45AM to 12:15PM		Hot Topics in Employment Law	The first presentation will focus on the #MeToo movement and how it affects the manner in which local government employers must apply their workplace harassment policies and approach complaints or reports of policy violations. The second presentation will explore the cases before the Supreme Court next term involving Title VII and LGBT discrimination and will provide practical advice on handling employment law issues regarding transgender employees in particular.	Read Gignilliat
10:45AM to 12:15PM		Land Use: Nuts & Bolts of Defending Takings Claims	This presentation walks through the life of an inverse- condemnation (“takings”) case from the defendant’s perspective, first summarizing key legal doctrines and then highlighting several practice pointers and pitfalls from beginning (complaint and threshold motions) to end (appellate and Supreme Court review). The presentation will also discuss the implications of Knick v. Township of Scott, a recent Supreme Court takings case.	Matthew Littleton & Teresa Sachs
12:30PM to 2:00 PM		Lunch	On your own.	
2:00PM to 5:30PM		Land Use and Code Enforcement Tours		

Sunday, September 22, 2019

TIME		TITLE	DESCRIPTION	SPEAKERS
	2nd Floor Pre-Function	Registration		
8:00AM to 8:30AM		Business Meeting		
8:15AM to 8:45AM		Coffee Break / Passport Drawing		
8:45AM to 9:45AM	Grand	Work Session TBD		
9:45AM to 10:00AM	2nd Floor Pre-Function	Coffee Break		
10:00AM to 11:00AM		Work Session TBD		
11:05AM to 12:05PM		Ethics		Don Jarrett

ILGL Program
Institute For Local Government Lawyers
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7:30AM	ILGL	Registration Opens		
8:15AM to 8:30AM	ILGL	Opening Remarks		Frank Gummey III
8:45AM to 9:30AM	ILGL	Personnel and Employment Law		Deidra Sullivan
9:40AM to 10:40AM	ILGL	Parliamentary Procedure		Norma Houston
10:40AM to 10:55AM		Coffee Break		
10:55AM to 11:40AM	ILGL	Fundamentals of Municipal Finance and Borrowing		Eric Shytle
11:40AM to 11:45AM	ILGL	Morning Program Evaluations		
11:45AM to 12:45PM		Lunch Break (provided)		
12:45PM to 1:30PM	ILGL	Ethics		
1:40PM to 2:25PM	ILGL	Sunshine Laws—Key Concepts and Hot Topics		Norma Houston
2:25PM to 2:40PM		Coffee Break		
2:40PM to 3:40PM	ILGL	Land Use Law 101		Susan Trevarthen
3:50PM to 4:50PM	ILGL	Negotiations		DeWitt “Mac” McCarley
4:50PM to 5:00PM	ILGL	Afternoon Program Evaluations		

Code Program

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8:30AM to 10:00AM	CODE	Code Program: Topic TBD		
10:00 AM to 10:15AM		Coffee Break		
10:15AM to 11:15 AM	CODE	Code Program: Topic TBD		
11:15AM to 12:15 PM	CODE	Code Program: Topic TBD		
12:15PM to 2:00PM		Lunch on Your Own		
2:00PM to 3:00PM	CODE	Code Program: Topic TBD		
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3:15PM to 4:15PM	CODE	Code Program: Topic TBD		
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