

For the International Municipal Lawyer's Association - IMLA's 5 things to know for January 8th

1. Don't forget today's ediscovery call with Pete Haskel as he discusses issues of vulnerability associated with computer flaws like Meltdown and Spectre and how flaws impact claims of privilege for computer files and ethical duties for storing and communicating data. It's at 1 PM Eastern Time. If you're an IMLA member contact us for the dial in information.
2. The interaction between elected department heads and the governments that fund them and who they serve can be filled with friction. In Macomb County Michigan the battle between the newly elected clerk and virtually everyone else in government serves as an example as to why many of these elected posts are outdated. In Macomb the clerk reportedly refuses to abide by the county's employment policies and possibly federal employment laws and has been sued by the judges she serves as well as other governmental entities. She in turn has sued alleging a conspiracy based on political party rivalries. But Macomb County is not alone. In Horry County, N.C. the county treasurer has sued and been sued by the county. She wants more money and the county has sued because she's run up deficits. It's time to do away with many of these elected posts.

<http://www.macombdaily.com/article/MD/20180106/NEWS/180109756>

<http://michiganradio.org/post/macomb-county-clerk-files-federal-lawsuit-claiming-conspiracy>

https://www.myhorrynews.com/news/local/horry_county/treasurer-s-lawyer-wants-judge-to-force-horry-county-to/article_1e7b9c20-f250-11e7-95cb-e3c334a207aa.html

3. In San Diego, arguments persist over whether adjacent owners should repair sidewalks fronting their properties. This common practice throughout the United States has a long history. How long is that history? In his Municipal Code issued around 44 BC Julius Caesar included requirements that adjacent owners maintain their street frontage.

<http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/opinion/commentary/sd-utbg-sidewalk-repair-taxpayers-20180105-story.html>

4. The opioid problem continues to affect communities around the country. At IMLA's Seminar in DC in April we include a discussion of Sober Homes and the Opioid epidemic. That's on Friday April 20th. Our regular bi-weekly calls on the opioid issue, primarily related to litigation continue with a call this week.
5. Most of us are suffering from severe cold that extends even into Florida, but that's still a great place to go to increase your chances of warm weather and sunny skies. St.

Augustine as a destination is hard to beat and apparently that's been a boon to AirBnb. The issue of paying occupancy taxes though continues to be a problem. The county reports that the company continues to refuse to provide accounting data to support collection of taxes. IMLA will continue to support communities as they try to address issues created by companies like AirBnb.

<http://staugustine.com/news/local-news/2018-01-07/st-johns-county-still-wants-accountability-airbnb-regarding-bed-tax>

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