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IMLA ANNOUNCES NEW IMLA PRESIDENT, ANDREW J. WHALEN, III

IMLA confirms *Andrew J. Whalen, III* as IMLA President for October 2018-September 2019.

In a business meeting held on October 21, 2018, in Houston, Texas, IMLA confirmed the nomination of Andrew Whalen of Griffin, Georgia to be President of IMLA. Mr. Whalen is currently the City Attorney of both Griffin, Georgia as well as Senoia, Georgia. He has been an active and prominent member of IMLA since joining the organization in 1990. Within the organization, he served as Georgia State Chair from 2000-2007. He was thereafter elected to IMLA's Board of Directors in 2007 and has served in that capacity since that time. In 2015, Mr. Whalen was elected to the position of Secretary-Treasurer of IMLA. He was the recipient of the prestigious James H. Epps, III Community Service Award in 2012. This award recognizes the significant achievement of attorneys having the political and legal skills necessary to represent the same community for at least 30 years and who have been active in IMLA during all or a part of that career. In addition to his prominent role within IMLA, Mr. Whalen has been very active in Georgia, accumulating many honors and accolades over the year including being inducted into the Georgia Municipal Hall of Fame by the Georgia Municipal Association

In response to Mr. Whalen's new position, Susan Moore, the General Counsel for the Georgia Municipal Association, said:

Drew is probably the dean of municipal law in Georgia. With over 40 years of experience, Drew has dealt with most issues a city can encounter. He has served as an advisor and trial attorney for cities, and has been a leader at the Georgia Municipal Association on policy and legislative issues. He has chaired our Municipal Government Policy Committee and served as president of the GMA City Attorneys Section. I discuss municipal law issues with Drew all the time and his encyclopedic knowledge always amazes me. If there is a relevant statute or case out there, he knows it. Drew's experience and expertise are trusted by city attorneys and city officials across the State of Georgia.

Chuck Thompson, IMLA's Executive Director and General Counsel had similar high praise regarding Mr. Whalen's appointment:

I have known Drew for many years and in that time have come to respect not only his extraordinary work as an attorney and the accomplishments he has made in Georgia in the legal profession, but also his incredible integrity and dedication to local governments. I am confident that he will bring that integrity and dedication to the position of IMLA President and help move IMLA's mission of advancing the interests of local governments forward.

Founded in 1935, the International Municipal Lawyers Association (IMLA) is a non-profit, nonpartisan organization consisting of over 2,500 local government attorneys throughout the United States and Canada. IMLA provides a wide range of services and programs to its membership, including comprehensive educational programs, legal research, professional publications and legal advocacy on behalf of its members in the United States Supreme Court, as well as federal and state appellate courts.