

For the International Municipal Lawyer's Association - IMLA's 5 things to know for April 6th

1. In Jacksonville Arkansas chaos reigns according to police officers suing the mayor and city attorney. The problems began when the mayor appointed a man to be the police chief and a resident sued. She asserted that the chief was a public official and the state's constitution prohibited a convict from serving in a public office. The man had been a police officer in Texas where while on duty he had an accident and fled the scene, then lied about it. He was convicted of deceit and spent three days in jail, all of this many years before being appointed chief. The Supreme Court of Arkansas agreed that he could not hold the office. The mayor then attempted to appoint the elected city attorney, but that raised the holding two office prohibition so the city attorney was named director not chief.

<https://opinions.arcourts.gov/ark/supremecourt/en/item/307319/index.do>

<http://www.thv11.com/article/news/local/chaos-has-ensued-jacksonville-police-officers-file-lawsuit-against-mayor-city-attorney/91-535117234>

2. In Framingham MA, the city has hit on an innovative solution to ridding the city of billboards. Apparently, most are owned by Clear Channel which is in bankruptcy. The city hopes to be able to use the company's financial crisis to its advantage to buy the billboards and remove them.

<http://www.metrowestdailynews.com/news/20180404/with-clear-channel-on-ropes-framingham-wants-to-tear-down-its-billboards>

3. In Haverhill, MA the city's looking to adopt anti-graffiti measures to deal with the negative impacts of graffiti. Haverhill proposes to require owners to remove graffiti under its plan. IMLA has a model anti-graffiti law for those interested.

[http://www.eagletribune.com/news/haverhill/fighting-graffiti-city-would-require-property-owners-to-remove-tags/article\\_a2975757-2cb6-5f5e-be35-d3c17d9bc2d1.html](http://www.eagletribune.com/news/haverhill/fighting-graffiti-city-would-require-property-owners-to-remove-tags/article_a2975757-2cb6-5f5e-be35-d3c17d9bc2d1.html)

4. A recent Idaho Supreme Court case discusses the often tense battle over the extent of the sheriff's duty to pay for the medical expenses of inmates. The court concluded that the sheriff couldn't avoid paying by getting the prisoner released for medical reasons. The court noted that while the sheriff is absolved of responsibility when an inmate is released on bond, the sheriff can't escape liability by getting the inmate released for medical reasons. While I was County Attorney in Carroll County, we had the legislature pass a measure making inmates responsible for their health care costs. Similar provisions allow recoupment of the inmate's resources that would have been used for medical expenses had the inmate not been arrested.

<https://isc.idaho.gov/opinions/45016.pdf>

5. Section 1983 - First Amendment: Unpopular Speech and the Heckler's Veto

Speech that is popular to some is very unpopular to others. Ideological divisiveness continues to be an issue impacting municipal operations. This session will cover the origins of the Heckler's Veto through current caselaw and how this doctrine impacts the ability of a municipality to conduct effective crowd control in various forums and facilities. Examples from current events will be discussed. Join us for this exceptional presentation at the IMLA Seminar this month.

Speakers: Lara Mainella & Robert Higgason

Moderator: Patrick Baker

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