



83rd Annual Conference

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Wednesday, October 17th, 2018

TIME	TRACK	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	SPEAKERS
7:30AM to 5:15PM		Registration		
8:30AM to 12:00PM		BOD Breakfast / Meeting		
8:30AM to 4:45PM	CODE	Code Program	See Full Schedule Below.	
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2:00PM to 3:00PM		Large Population Meeting		TBD
3:15PM to 4:45PM		State League		TBD
5:00PM to 6:00PM		State League Reception	The meeting will include a presentation on the legislative push that the telecommunications industry is making to preempt local governments' ability to regulate the rights of way as well as other issues arising involving preemption in state legislatures that would benefit from a lobbying focus.	TBD

Thursday, October 18th, 2018

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7:30AM to 5:30PM		Registration		
7:30AM to 8:30AM		Past President Breakfast		
8:30AM to 12:00PM	CODE	Code Program	See Full Schedule Below.	
9:00AM to 10:30AM		Work Session: Disruptive Technology	This presentation will explore emerging disruptive technology issues like dockless bikes and scooters among others.	Dana Cuberson
9:00AM to 10:30AM		Municipal Finance: SEC Update		Robert Doty
10:30AM to 10:45AM		Coffee Break		
10:45AM to 12:15PM		Looking in the Rearview Mirror on the Costliest Natural Disaster Year in US History	Panel discussion on lessons learned - This panel will discuss lessons learned on their pre and post recovery efforts, resilience endeavors, best practices and trends moving forward.	Mary Beth Coburn, Catherine Ures & Robin Jackson
10:45AM to 12:15PM		Construction Contracts Drafting Initiative		Doug Black
12:00PM to 2:00PM		Lunch on your own		
2:00PM to 3:00PM		Challenges at your Local Government Council Meeting: From the Elected Official to Disruptive Speakers	The first presenter will focus on when the elected official is the problem. This presentation will offer insight into how to deal with, diffuse, and manage contentious relationships among elected officials. The second presenter will pivot to the issue of disruptive speakers at local government council meetings.	Christopher Balch & Valerie Flores
2:00PM to 3:00PM		Telecommunications – an overview of federal law for Municipalities: Funding Opportunities; Infrastructure; Spectrum		Albert Catalano & Wes Wright
2:00PM to 3:00PM		Substance Abuse / Mental Health Presentation		TBD
2:00PM to 3:00PM		Rural Communities / Small Communities Presentation		TBD Moderator: Douglas Haney
2:00PM to 3:00PM		Insurance Coverage Checklist		TBD
2:00PM to 3:00PM		Litigation Topic		Alana Rotter & Nancy Olson

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2:00PM to 3:00PM		Stormwater & Wastewater Update	Municipalities have been facing increasingly difficult challenges in managing stormwater, wastewater, and sewage sludge from wastewater treatment plants. At the same time, enforcement of environmental regulations against municipalities is becoming more common and, in some cases, can result in dramatic civil penalties. This session will provide an overview of the regulatory programs, trends, and enforcement in the areas of municipal stormwater, combined sewers, disposal and use of sewage sludge and biosolids, and other related issues, including how municipalities can minimize their exposure to enforcement.	Scott Gould, Ade Bakare & Steve Matzura
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		Welcome Reception		

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7:00AM to 5:15PM		Registration		
7:00AM to 8:00AM		State Breakfast		
8:00AM to 8:45AM		Opening Ceremonies		
8:00AM to 5:30PM	TCAA	TCAA Program	See Full Schedule Below.	
8:45AM to 5:00PM	Canada	Canadian Day	See Full Schedule Below.	
8:45AM to 10:15AM		Powering your Community: Municipal Legal issues in the age of Renewable Energy Generation and Sustainability	The program will be a primer for municipal practitioners in areas where development of local renewable energy facilities, through P3 contracts, host community agreements, net metering or power purchase agreements impacts or involves local municipal counsel. The program will introduce concepts such as community aggregation, net metering, renewable portfolio standard programs that impact development of local projects, understanding federal and state energy policy that impact development of local facilities, and how to protect municipalities when structuring deals with project developers, including a “traps for the unwary” checklist. A case study of a municipal renewable solar energy development on brownfields site will be presented.	Steven Torres & Louise Seeba
8:45AM to 10:15AM		Homelessness		Andrea Barraclough
10:15AM to 10:30AM		Coffee Break		
10:30AM to TBD		Nominating Committee Meeting		
10:30AM to 12:00PM		Telecommunications - Managing Rights-of-Way: The New Hub for Wireless, Internet of Things and Smart City Applications		Gerard Lederer, Joseph Van Eaton & Gail Karish
10:30AM to 12:00PM		First Amendment Work Session		TBD
12:00PM to 1:30PM		Luncheon: Rhyne Award / Keynote		
1:35PM to 2:35PM		Employment Law: Hiring Checklist		TBD
1:35PM to 2:35PM		Justice Department Oversight of Local Governments		John Hessel & Apollo Carey

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1:35PM to 2:35PM		How to Overhaul your Solid Waste Franchise Agreement	China has significantly limited the mixed recycling it will accept from the United States. With the imposition of tariffs, this situation is constantly changing. On the west coast, China's rejection of mixed recycling has had a huge impact on local governments managing solid waste and recycling franchises. The rest of the country faces different challenges with these agreements. The first presenter will discuss: (1) considerations in negotiating a franchise agreement (including a 50 state survey of statutes regarding solid waste franchises) and (2) the changing recycling market and how local jurisdictions can approach this issue with flexibility and nimbleness.	Amanda Guile-Hinman
2:40PM to 3:40 PM		Litigation Section Meeting		Chairs: Timothy Coates & Patricia Beety
2:40PM to 3:40 PM		University Cities Meeting		Chair: Michael May
2:40PM to 3:40 PM		Employment Law Section Meeting: Diversifying the Public-Safety Sector: A practical approach to incorporating under-represented groups into fire departments and law enforcement organizations	This will be a collaborative presentation about the realities of diversifying organizations that have historically struggled with inclusiveness. In addition to covering the laws that affect workplace diversity, there will be a discussion about real-world successes and challenges, as well as practical tips for creating and maintaining more diverse public-safety departments.	Kelly Albin & Deidra Sullivan Chairs: Robin Cross & Lindsay Rose
2:40PM to 3:40 PM		Telecommunications Section Meeting		Chairs: Michael Watzka & Daniel White
2:40PM to 3:40 PM		International Committee Meeting		Chair: Benjamin Griffith
2:40PM to 3:40 PM		Concurrent Presentation TBD		TBD
3:40PM to 3:55 PM		Coffee Break		
3:55PM to 4:55PM		Land Use Section Meeting		Chairs: Susan Trevarhten, ulian Grant & Ron Shaver

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3:55PM to 4:55PM		Finance / Economic Development Section Meeting	The first presentation will focus on how to approach the bankruptcy of a large business receiving economic development funds from a city.	Miles Riley Chairs: Robert Doty, Julian Grant & George Hypolite
3:55PM to 4:55PM		Environmental Law Section Meeting: Too Many Environmental Problems, Too Little Time: Tips on Handling Environmental Liability in Transactions and Litigation		Chair: Gene Tanaka & Michelle Butlin
3:55PM to 4:55PM		Technology Section Meeting		Chairs: Peter Haskel & Chris Weema
3:55PM to 4:55PM		County Department Meeting		Chair: Marc Hansen
3:55PM to 4:55PM		General Government Section Meeting		Chairs: Glenn Gimbut & Alecia Mayberry Mosadomi
5:00PM to 5:45PM		Listserv Meeting		TBD

Saturday, October 20th, 2018

TIME	TRACK	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	SPEAKERS
7:30AM to 5:15PM		Registration		
7:45AM to 9:00AM		WONK Breakfast		
9:00AM to 10:30AM		Local Governments and the Opioid Crisis	The national opioid epidemic has impacted virtually every city, town and county across the country, taking lives, destroying careers and costing localities billions of dollars in medical, social services, workers compensation, insurance and law enforcement expense. As of May 2018, an estimated 1000 municipalities have filed against the opioid manufacturers, distributors, prescribers and purveyors—with many more still assessing the best response. This panel will discuss the opioid litigation including the relative merits of filing in-state or in the National Prescription Opiate MDL, the current status of the litigation, and some of the remedial efforts that state and local governments are undertaking to address the crisis.	Aelish Baig Moderator: Erich Eiselt
9:00AM to 10:30AM		Land Use: Fair Housing Act		Brian Connolly
10:30AM to 10:45AM		Coffee Break		
10:45AM to 12:15PM		Social Media and Local Governments: Issues for Elected Officials and Policy Issues for Local Governments Own Use	The first part of this presentation will be focused on First Amendment and transparency issues with government social media, including redacting comments, limiting links, candidate social media, and public access and archiving.	Frayda Bluestein & Leo Rogers
10:45AM to 12:15PM		Employment Law: Handling Complaints of Harassment in the “Me Too” Era and Workplace Investigations		TBD
12:15PM to 2:00PM		Lunch		
2:00PM to 5:00PM		Land Use / Mobile Workshops		TBD
2:00PM to 5:00PM	CODE	Code Mobile Workshop		

Sunday, October 21st, 2018

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7:45AM to 12:10PM		Registration		TBD
8:00AM to 8:45AM		Business Meeting		TBD
8:45AM to 9:45AM		Work Session TBD		TBD
9:45AM to 10:00AM		Coffee Break		TBD
10:00AM to 11:00AM		Case Law Update		Douglas Haney
11:05AM to 12:05PM		Ethics: Scandal - How to be a Real Life Municipal Gladiator	Presenters will use recent examples to demonstrate the municipal attorney's responsibilities to government officials and employees under investigation or indictment for criminal offenses. Presenters will provide a road map for dealing with public officials, the community and media during the crisis. Additionally, presenters will provide the legal framework of the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct, constitutional law, and the interplay of criminal procedure and local disciplinary rules of professional conduct.	Leah Hayes & Akilah Mance

TCAA Program

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TIME	TRACK	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	SPEAKERS
9:00AM to 9:15AM	TCAA	Welcome and Opening Remarks		Dotty Palumbo
9:15AM to 9:45AM	TCAA	Service Animals	An overview of Texas and Federal Law regarding accommodation of Assistance or Service Animal in Public Places. Includes basic legal definitions and a summary of required modifications and methods of treatment of animals and their owners.	Mick McKamie
9:45 AM to 10:15AM	TCAA	ADA Facility Compliance – What to do When the Feds Come Knocking		Ryan Henry
10:30AM to 11:00AM	TCAA	Public Information Act: How to Effectively Intake, Process, and Respond to Requests		Ryan Mitchell
11:00AM to 11:30AM	TCAA	Political Hot Topics in Land Use (Confederate Monuments, Street Naming, Affordable Housing, Etc.)		Terry Welch
11:30AM to 12:00PM	TCAA	Recent Federal Cases of Interest to Cities		Randy Montgomery
1:55PM to 2:10PM	TCAA	Business Meeting	Election of TCAA Officers and Passing of the Gavel	
2:10PM to 2:40PM	TCAA	Top Employment Law Challenges in the Workplace		Victoria Huynh
2:40PM to 3:10PM	TCAA	“Like” it or Not: Developing Social Media Guidelines for City Employees		Mari McGowan
3:10PM to 3:40PM	TCAA	Legislative Forecast		Scott Houston
3:55PM to 4:25PM	TCAA	A Legal Perspective on City Efforts to Create Innovation-friendly Environments for Entrepreneurs and Startups		Lisa Mares
4:25PM to 5:25	TCAA	Anti-Slapp Suits		Derra Purnell

ILGL Program
Institute For Local Government Lawyers
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7:30AM	ILGL	Registration Opens		
8:30AM to 8:45AM	ILGL	Opening Remarks		TBD
8:45AM to 9:30AM	ILGL	Sunshine Laws - Key Concepts and Hot Topics		TBD
9:40AM to 10:40AM	ILGL	Parliamentary Procedure		TBD
10:40AM to 10:55AM	ILGL	Coffee Break		
10:55AM to 11:40AM	ILGL	Fundamentals of Municipal Finance and Borrowing		TBD
11:40AM to 11:45AM	ILGL	Morning Program Evaluations		
11:45AM to 12:45PM	ILGL	Lunch Break		
12:45PM to 1:30PM	ILGL	Land Use 101		TBD
1:40PM to 2:25PM	ILGL	Personnel and Employment Law		TBD
2:25PM to 2:40PM	ILGL	Coffee Break		
2:40PM-3:40PM	ILGL	Ethics		TBD
3:50PM to 4:50PM	ILGL	Negotiations		TBD
4:50PM to 5:00PM	ILGL	Afternoon Program Evaluations		
5:00PM	ILGL	Finish		