



INTERNATIONAL MUNICIPAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

Contact: **Amanda Kellar**  
Tel. 202.466.5424 ext. 7116  
E-mail: [akellar@imla.org](mailto:akellar@imla.org)

**For Immediate Release**

### **IMLA AMICUS SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS**

*IMLA Will Recognize the Attorneys Who Wrote an Amicus Brief on Behalf of IMLA to Help Advance the Interests of Local Government.*

The Amicus Service Award seeks to recognize the authors of IMLA's amicus briefs in the last year. These recipients drafted an amicus brief for IMLA on a pro bono basis, donating their valuable time and expertise to the legal advocacy program.

On Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at IMLA's mid-year Seminar in Washington, D.C., IMLA will recognize the following thirty-six attorneys who provided this valuable service to IMLA:

**Blithe Smith Bock**, City of Los Angeles, **Aaron Streett**, Baker Botts, **John D. Echeverria**, Vermont Law School, **John Hightower**, Olson & Olson LLP, **Eric Farrar**, Olson & Olson LLP, **Quin M. Sorenson**, Sidley Austin LLP, **Devin P. Lyon**, City of Knoxville, **Travis Hawkins**, Hawkins Law Firm PLLC, **Kira L. Klatchko**, Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith LLP, **Irene Zurko**, Best Best & Krieger LLP, **John Baker**, Greene Espel PLLP, **Todd Leishman**, Best Best & Krieger LLP, **Janis Herbstman**, County Counsels' Association of California, **Christopher J. Petrini**, Petrini & Associates, P.C., **Christopher Brown**, Petrini & Associates, P.C., **Lisa Soronen**, State and Local Legal Center, **Ron Parsons**, Johnson, Janklow, Abdallah, Bollweg & Parsons LLP, **Erek Barron**, Whiteford, Taylor & Preston LLC, **Francisco Negrón**, National School Boards Association, **Adam Rosenberg**, Williams Kastner, **Daniel Lloyd**, City of Vancouver, **Mary Massaron**, Plunkett Cooney, P.C., **Thomas McPherson**, Mersereau, Shannon LLP, **Thomas C. Goldstein**, Goldstein & Russell. P.C., **Eric Citron**, Goldstein & Russell. P.C., **Collin O'Connor Udell**, Jackson Lewis P.C., **Shawn Hagerty**, Best Best & Krieger LLP, **Andre Monette**, Best Best & Krieger LLP, **Sarah Shalf**, Emory University, **Erik S. Jaffe**, Erik S. Jaffe, P.C., **Marcelyn A. Stepanski**, Johnson, Rosati, Schultz, Joppich PC, **Gregory Garre**, Latham & Watkins LLP, **Ashley Johnson**, Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP, **Thomas Hungar**, Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP, **Jason Neal**, Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP, and **Andrew Davis**, Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP.

"IMLA's legal advocacy program is vital to our mission and without lawyers like them, we would not be able to sustain it." – **Amanda Kellar, Associate General Counsel / Director of Legal Advocacy, IMLA**

IMLA thanks these recipients for their hard work and dedication to advance the interests of local government!