



# 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

Sept. 27 - Oct. 1, 2023 - La Quinta, CA

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## Wednesday, September 27, 2023

| TIME              | LOCATION                      | TITLE                                      | DESCRIPTION  | SPEAKERS |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|----------|
| 7:30AM to 4:45PM  | Flores Foyer                  | Registration & Exhibitors                  |  |          |
| 8:30AM to 12:00PM | Capra                         | BOD Breakfast / Meeting                    | Board of Directors only.   |          |
| 9:00AM to 5:00PM  | Flores 6-8                    | California Programing                      | See Program Below.   |          |
| 8:00AM to 5:00PM  | Flores 5                      | ILGL Program                               | See Program Below.   |          |
| 8:00AM to 5:00PM  | Flores 4                      | Code Enforcement Program                   | See Program Below.   |          |
| 2:00PM to 3:00PM  | Flores 1-3                    | Large Populations                          |  |          |
| 3:00PM to 3:15PM  | Flores Foyer                  | Coffee Break                               |  |          |
| 3:15PM to 4:45PM  | Flores 1-3                    | State League Meeting                       |  |          |
| 5:00PM to 6:00PM  | See Registration/ Invitation. | State League/First Time Attendee Reception | Join all of our first timers and state league counsel for a great reception with drinks and hors d'oeuvres. It's a great way to meet your fellow attendees right at the start of the Conference! The is reception is generously sponsored by NetDocuments. |          |

## Thursday, September 28, 2023

| TIME              | LOCATION        | TITLE   | DESCRIPTION   | SPEAKERS                  |
|-------------------|-----------------|---|---|---------------------------|
| 7:45AM to 5:00PM  | Flores Foyer    | Registration & Exhibitors   |   |                           |
| 7:45AM to 8:45AM  | Hotel Waterfall | State / Province Breakfast  | Advance registration is required. The State/Provincial Breakfast with give attendees an opportunity to sit down with fellow attendees from their area. If you already registered and would like to add the breakfast, please email trina@imla.org.  |                           |
| 8:45AM to 9:00AM  | Flores 1-4      | Opening Ceremonies  | Join IMLA President and Executive Director for welcoming remarks and helpful tips for new and long-time attendees alike, including information about the Conference and various networking opportunities.   |                           |
| 9:00AM to 10:30AM | Flores 1-4      | The Battle Over Bus Ads: The First Amendment, Public Transit, and Defensible Content Restrictions | Learn about recent developments in the law concerning the First Amendment and advertising on public transit, including multiple circuit splits regarding the nature of the forum and the defensibility of content restrictions on political, commercial, public issue, offensive and religious speech. We will also discuss best practices for crafting a defensible transit advertising policy under current case law. | Ellie Ruth & Nadia Sarkis |
| 9:00AM to 10:30AM | Flores 5-8      | Session TBA   |   |                           |

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| 10:30AM to 10:45AM | Flores Foyer | Coffee Break   |   |  |
| 10:45AM to 12:15PM | Flores 1-4   | Airport Law & PFAS                                   | The vast majority of airports in the United States are operated by local governments, but treating your airport as just another city or county department can get you in hot water, and risk your future and even past federal funding. In this session, we will provide an overview of FAA regulations and the FAA grant assurances to help you spot issues before it is too late. The panel will also discuss PFAS as it regards to airport law.  | Margaret Martin,<br>Michael Selkirk &<br>Elizabeth Smithers<br><br><b>Moderator:</b><br>Vivica Brown |
| 10:45AM to 12:15PM | Flores 5-8   | Session TBA  |   |  |
| 12:15PM to 2:15PM  | Fiesta 7-14  | Keynote & Awards Lunch                               |   |  |
| 2:30PM to 3:30PM   | Flores 1-3   | Creating Professional Standards for Fire Departments | While police departments across the country have internal affairs and professional standards, similar internal accountability departments are a rarity in fire departments. With an ever-growing eye of scrutiny over public safety professionals, this CLE covers on-the-ground lessons learned from building a professional standards division from the ground up for fire departments, including creating policies, getting buy-in from union and management, collective bargaining, and more.   | Fallon Niedrist  |
| 2:30PM to 3:30PM   | Flores 5     | Cruising the Circuits                                | A timely and fast-paced review of recent federal circuit court cases.   | Doug Haney   |
| 2:30PM to 3:30PM   | Flores 6-8   |  |   |  |
| 2:30PM to 3:30PM   | Fiesta 3,4,6 | Concurrent TBA                                       |   |  |
| 2:30PM to 3:30PM   | Fiesta 1,2,5 | Drones as a First Responder                          | Drones as first responders (DFR) are force multipliers for law enforcement. But, many see them as invasive and ripe for abuse by government over reach. When a local government proactively explains, engages, and informs the public about its intended use of unmanned aerial systems, the result can be a win for law enforcement and the community. In this presentation, Brookhaven Police Lieutenant Abrem Ayana will discuss the mechanics and uses of DFR in support of law enforcement and de-escalation of police-citizen encounters. Brookhaven City Attorney Chris Balch will demonstrate how engaging and seeking out input from advocacy groups, prosecutors, and the community can establish the dialogue necessary to have new police programs embraced by a suspicious public. Materials will include the DFR Policy developed and adopted by Brookhaven, examples of the program in action, and discussion of how to navigate the lack of clear court direction when establishing a DFR program | Chris Balch  |
| 2:30PM to 3:30PM   | Flores 4     | Concurrent TBA                                       |   |  |
| 3:30PM to 3:45PM   | Flores Foyer | Coffee Break   |   |  |
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| 4:45PM to 5:15PM | Flores 4     | Nominating Committee        |   |             |
| 6:00PM to 7:30PM | La Casa      | Welcome Reception           | Join all attendees for an evening of drinks, hors d'oeuvres and fun while we kick off an excellent Conference!  |             |

## Friday, September 29, 2023

| TIME               | LOCATION        | TITLE  | DESCRIPTION  | SPEAKERS  |
|--------------------|-----------------|--|--|---|
| 7:45AM to 2:00PM   | Flores Foyer    | Registration & Exhibitors  |  |   |
| 7:30AM to 8:30AM   | Hotel Waterfall | WONK Breakfast   | Advance registration is required. For the WONK breakfast you will sign up for a table based on subject matter and sit down with the subject matter expert to enjoy a meal and discuss areas of interest. You can register for this breakfast online. If you already registered and would like to add the breakfast, please email trina@imla.org.   |   |
| 9:00AM to 5:00PM   |                 | Canada Day   | See Program Below.   |   |
| 9:15AM to 10:15AM  | Flores 1-4      | Have Police Dogs Finally Lost Their Bite?  | This interactive presentation will discuss the current national debate on whether law enforcement should continue to use police canines to bite suspects. States such as New Jersey and Washington have debated the issue. California is currently considering an assembly bill that will prohibit police canines from being used to bite suspects and not be allowed for crowd control situations. We will discuss the historical use of police canines and the issues that public entities need to address in order to maintain this important less than lethal tool.  | Eugene Ramirez  |
| 9:15AM to 10:15AM  | Flores 5-8      | The Multifaceted Municipal PFAS Challenge: Understanding Permitting, Regulatory and Enforcement issues for Public Water and Wastewater Utility Counsel | PFAS is not just toxic tort for future class action, it represents an ongoing challenge for municipal water, wastewater and solid waste operations and their legal advisors. Developing federal and state regulation will impact local governments with public utility infrastructure, and understanding the science behind PFAS regulation, risk analysis, permitting and what the future holds is essential for municipal attorney who will advise their utility directors. This program will introduce participants to the nature and extent of PFAS chemicals in the municipal utility stream, the developing federal and state regulatory and policy developments that could cost locals millions and how to plan for future infrastructure development in wake of the latest environmental scare and how to use contracts, local permits and local policy to shield municipality from unnecessary liability. | Tip Torres<br><br><b>Moderator:</b><br>Barbara A. Adams |
| 10:15AM to 10:30AM | Flores Foyer    | Coffee Break   |  |   |

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| 10:30AM to 12:00PM | Flores 1-4  | Dialing for Answers: Telecommunications Law Speed Dating                | In rapid fire presentations, we will explore the diverse challenges facing local government counsel in the wired and wireless telecommunications, cable and broadband industries. In addition to updates on regulatory topics, we will provide steps counsel should consider to better position your community to compete for the \$44 B Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program and offer insights on how to maximize returns on cell tower agreements.   | Gerard Lederer & Gail Karish  |
| 10:30AM to 12:00PM | Flores 5-8  | Session TBA   |   |   |
| 12:00PM to 1:30PM  | Fiesta 7-14 | All Conference Lunch  |   |   |
| 1:35PM to 2:35PM   | Flores 1-3  | Litigation Section Meeting  |   |   |
| 1:35PM to 2:35PM   | Flores 5    | My Client, My Enemy? Ethical Challenges When Representing Cities        | This presentation will discuss ABA Rules 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 and 1.7 when discussing the challenges faced with representing cities. Rule 1.3 addresses organizations as clients, and Comment 1 touches upon entities acting through their officers, directors, etc. Complexities arise when Rule 1.1 calls for competent representation and the need to abide by client decisions under Rule 1.2, but individual city officers find themselves in positions contrary to the city they serve. Rule 1.7 provides guidance on Conflicts of Interest. Rule 1.3 requires lawyers dealing with a city's officers to explain the nature of the relationship and address when interests diverge. This presentation will provide a variety of scenarios and pose hypothetical questions illustrating these points.   | Alan Bojorquez  |
| 1:35PM to 2:35PM   | Flores 6-8  | How to Stop a Leviathan   | Recent months have been marked by a string of corporate scandals, including FTX, Silicon Valley Bank, and Norfolk Southern. The costs of these human-made disasters fall largely on people and institutions who didn't cause them – taxpayers, governments, working families, and shareholders. And nearly all involve some degree of myopic management that trades off long-term welfare in favor of short-term gain. Shareholders, including municipal governments, play a unique role in correcting this imbalance and responding to corporate abuse. This panel explores how forward-leaning litigation and shareholder advocacy can help municipal leaders hold corporations accountable, make them internalize the costs of fraud and abuse, and deter future misconduct and tragedy.   | Rob Rothman   |
| 2:45PM to 3:45PM   | Flores 1-3  | Employment Law Section Meeting: Maintaining a Healthy Work Life Balance | <p>We can all commiserate on the long hours and heavy workload that is often demanded of our profession. In fact, many of you may have transitioned to government agencies because of the high demands of private practice. Nonetheless, maintaining a healthy work/life balance can continue to be challenging even in government practice; having a healthy balance continues to be crucial.</p> <p>Add in a challenging work environment and culture, and it significantly increases the stress and can have a substantial impact on one's physical and mental health and well-being. This presentation will touch on the "great resignation" and some of the factors that create a challenging environment and define the term "quiet firing," a term coined to explain the result of an extremely toxic culture in which there is the systemic demoralization and use of microaggressions that cause employees to resign as a result of such a culture. The presentation will also identify red flags of a challenging work environment. Finally, we hope to leave you with effective, practical ways of creating an effective work/life balance regardless of the culture you find yourself in!</p> | Mindy Sanchez & Jill Sanchez-Myers<br><br><b>Moderator:</b><br><b>Robin Cross</b> |
| 2:45PM to 3:45PM   | Flores 5    | Land Use Section Meeting  |   |   |

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| 2:45PM to 3:45PM | Flores 6-8                 | The Local Government Role in Election Disputes                            | The current term will come to an end in June 2023 and provides insight into the Supreme Court's foray into significant several election law issues in which local government can and should play a role. These issues range from state legislative and congressional redistricting, partisan gerrymandering and the Independent State Legislature theory to early voting, voting by mail, absentee voting, Section 2 vote denial and vote dilution, vote suppression, ballot harvesting, out-of-precinct voting and challenges to election administration. Adding to this growing pressure is the fact that much of the litigation involving important election law issues continues to be resolved through growing reliance on the Shadow Docket and reliance on the Purcell principle particularly in cases on the cusp of an election. Local government election machinery and municipal and county administrative processes function as the core of many of these cases. | Ben Griffith      |
| 2:45PM to 3:45PM | Fiesta 3,4,6               | Concurrent TBA  |  |                   |
| 2:45PM to 3:45PM | Fiesta 1,2,5               | Concurrent TBA  |  |                   |
| 2:45PM to 3:45PM | Flores 4                   | Environmental Law Section Meeting   |  |                   |
| 3:45PM to 4:00PM | Flores Foyer               | Coffee Break  |  |                   |
| 4:00PM to 5:00PM | Flores 1-3                 | Telecommunications Section Meeting: Turning your Rooftops into Gold Mines |  |                   |
| 4:00PM to 5:00PM | Flores 5                   | Governing with Diversity, Equity and Inclusion as Fundamental Principles  | Addressing community issues such as lack of access to affordable housing and infrastructure, economic and health disparities, sustainability, and systemic racism requires sound legal advice. Best practices include creating an environment where creative solutions to social issues are valued and respected and diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) are fundamental principles. This discussion will include DEI polices and state preemptions surrounding these policies, including structural racism initiatives; anti-LGBTQ+ legislation; environmental, social and governance limitations; and the resulting protests surrounding these issues.  | Jeannine Williams |
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| 4:00PM to 5:00PM | Fiesta 3,4,6               | Finance / Economic Development Section Meeting                            |  |                   |
| 4:00PM to 5:00PM | Fiesta 1,2,5               | Concurrent TBA  |  |                   |
| 4:00PM to 5:00PM | Flores 4                   | International Committee   |  |                   |
| 6:00PM to 8:00PM | Desert Recreation District | Softball  | Come play or watch the annual IMLA softball game brought to you by Best Best & Krieger! Please bring your own glove.   |                   |

## Saturday, September 30, 2023

| TIME               | LOCATION                | TITLE                     | DESCRIPTION   | SPEAKERS        |
|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---|-----------------|
| 8:00AM to 5:00PM   | Flores Foyer            | Registration & Exhibitors |   |                 |
| 9:00AM to 10:30AM  | Flores 1-4              | Session TBA               |   |                 |
| 9:00AM to 10:30AM  | Flores 5-8              | Session TBA               |   |                 |
| 10:30AM to 10:45AM | Flores Foyer            | Coffee Break              |   |                 |
| 10:45AM to 12:15PM | Flores 1-4              | Diversity TBA             |   | Deanna Shahnami |
| 10:45AM to 12:15PM | Flores 5-8              | Session TBA               |   |                 |
| 1:00PM to 4:30PM   | BMW Performance Center  | BMW Experience            | A can't miss experience where participants will drive on the track rotating through custom building driving exercise/rotation. Lunch is included and we will end the day with Professional Hotlaps. This will be the only time you won't be behind the wheel; we will let the professional instructors show you how the car could be really driven. We have limited room and advanced registration is required, please email <a href="mailto:cstorer@imla.org">cstorer@imla.org</a> .   |                 |
| 2:00PM to 5:00PM   | La Quinta               | Land Use Tours            | More details to come! Advance registration is required. If you would like to add the tours to your registration, please email <a href="mailto:trina@imla.org">trina@imla.org</a> . There is an additional cost.   |                 |
| 6:00PM to 8:00PM   | La Quinta Tennis Courts | Tennis Round-Robin        | This fun doubles round robin gives you a chance to compete in a social atmosphere. The PBI professional will mix-and-match players over the course of the round robin, so you don't even need a partner to sign up. The event will begin with an action-packed clinic with great doubles rills to get participants warmed-up, having fun and ready to play. Then, they get to test their new skill during the Tennis Round Robin. Included in these events are court time, tennis balls, dynamic instruction, and professional tournament direction. Advance Registration required, please email <a href="mailto:cstorer@imla.org">cstorer@imla.org</a> . |                 |

## Sunday, October 1, 2023

| TIME               | LOCATION     | TITLE  | DESCRIPTION  | SPEAKERS                  |
|--------------------|--------------|--|--|---------------------------|
| 7:30AM to 12:15PM  | Flores Foyer | Registration & Exhibitors  |  |                           |
| 8:00AM to 8:30AM   | Flores 1-5   | Business Meeting   |  |                           |
| 8:00AM to 9:00AM   | Flores Foyer | Coffee Break/<br>Passport Drawing  | Participating exhibitors will provide prizes as attendees visit all exhibitor booths to be eligible for the prize drawing.   |                           |
| 8:45AM to 9:45AM   | Flores 1-5   | Legal Writing Practice Tips  |  | Elaine Zhong              |
| 9:45AM to 10:45AM  | Flores 1-5   | Session TBA  |  |                           |
| 10:45AM to 11:00AM | Flores Foyer | Coffee Break   |  |                           |
| 11:00AM to 12:00PM | Flores 1-5   | The Safari Experience:<br>Ethics and Practice Tips for<br>Survival in the Wild | Come along on a safari adventure as we navigate the wilds of ethical rules in municipal attorney work. This presentation will cover ABA Rules 1.1 Competence Rule, 1.3 Diligence, Rule 1.4 Communications, Rule 1.13 Organization as Client, and Rule 5.1 Responsibilities of a Partner or Supervisory Lawyer. During this creative presentation, you will also gain wellness skills to use to battle burnout and fatigue, as well as practical tips on law practice management. At the end, we'll discuss lawyer assistance resources for whenever you need a lifeline. | Karen Blake & Ginger Wald |