

Section 1983 Program

Virtual | July 27-28, 2023

Please note the program is tentative and subject to change



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Thursday, July 27, 2023

TIME (Eastern)	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	SPEAKER(S)
12:00PM to 12:55PM	Informal Networking Lunch	Spend an hour discussing employment law issues over an informal networking lunch (or breakfast) via Zoom.	
1:00PM to 2:00PM	Fourth Amendment Case Law Update	This presentation will review key 2022 cases that deal with searches and the Fourth Amendment.	Pierre Grosdidier
2:15PM to 3:15PM	Protest Litigation	This presentation will provide the perspective of two local governments that both experienced large scale protests in the summer of 2020 that resulted in litigation against both cities. The presenters will discuss the legal challenges related to the lawsuits and provide lessons learned related to their litigation and tips on how to handle questions related to large scale protests in the future.	Meghan Riley & Ashley Kelliher

Friday, July 28, 2023

TIME (Eastern)	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	SPEAKER(S)
12:00PM to 1:00PM	Trial Practice Skills	This presentation will provide practical pointers on openings and summations for Section 1983 trials.	Patricia Miller
1:15PM to 2:15PM	Your Municipality Has Been Served With a Section 1983 Complaint. What now?	In this presentation we discuss the issues municipal counsel should consider upon receipt of a complaint brought under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and before any action on the case is taken on the case. Issues such as identifying parties, counsel, causes of action, important statutory deadlines and the potential need to seek extensions; determining responsibility for providing defense to individual defendants, and determining and dealing with potential conflicts of interests; identifying and locating relevant documents and working with both defendants and non-party municipal agencies to obtain relevant documents needed to evaluate the case; timing of speaking with the individual defendants, assessing potential early dispositive motions vs filing an answer, and gauging the possibility of settlement.	Beth Hoffman
2:30PM to 3:30PM	Demolitions & Due Process	This presentation will discuss the intersection of city code enforcement and civil rights in the context of demolition of unsafe property. The presenters will discuss notification to owners of code violations and evaluation of the need for demolition based on safety. They will then discuss constitutional minimum notice requirements prior to demolition. The presenters will compare and contrast two different local governments' programs related to demolitions.	Donna Fairweather, Amy Skiles & Katie Faris