



2024 Mid- Year Seminar

April 18-21, 2024 | Washington, D.C.

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Thursday, April 18th, 2024

TIME	LOCATION	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	SPEAKERS
9:00AM to 4:30PM	Blue Pre-Function	Registration		
8:30AM to 12:00PM	Governor's Room	Board of Directors Meeting		
10:15AM to 10:45AM	Blue Pre-Function	Welcome to IMLA Coffee Break	Join IMLA President and Executive Director for welcoming remarks and helpful tips for new and long-time attendees alike.	
10:45AM to 11:45AM	Blue Room	AI The Future of Humanity or the End of Civilization	AI is more than a movie starring Haley Joel Osment from 2001, it's a force that has the potential to drastically change the practice of municipal law. This session would examine the various ways A.I. can impact local government. Or, as AI put it: The presentation will explore how artificial intelligence (AI) is transforming the legal profession and the justice system, by providing examples of current and emerging applications of AI in law, as well as discussing the ethical, legal, and social implications of AI in law.	Darren Shulman
10:45AM to 11:45AM	Hampton Room	Section 1983 TBA		
11:45AM to 12:45PM		Lunch on Your Own		
12:55PM to 1:55PM	Blue Room	First Amendment Limits on Public Comment Policies	This presentation will examine First Amendment limits on policies that govern public comment sessions at City Council and other governmental meetings. It will examine potential liability for civil rights damages pursuant to 42USC1983 and 42USC1988. It will also review common policies and common timelines of events related to those policies and litigation related to those events.	Miles Risley
12:55PM to 1:55PM	Hampton Room	Probable Cause—Actual, Arguable, or Absent—and Claims for False Arrest	Plaintiffs whose charges are dropped will frequently bring claims of false arrest under Section 1983. If the officer had probable cause for the arrest, then a false arrest claim will be dismissed even if the underlying criminal charge was dropped. If the officer's assertion of probable cause doesn't withstand reasonable scrutiny under existing law, then the false arrest claim under 1983 likely will go forward. What about cases where the officer reasonable perceived that the facts supported probable cause at the time of the arrest, but the facts known later show that there was no probable cause? That would sound like a simple application of qualified immunity protecting the actions of the officer based on the information known to him at the time. (And I would argue it that way.) But there's more to it than that. Some circuits recognize "arguable" probable cause, while others do not. That gray area is what makes this a potentially interesting topic. When it is determined after the fact that there was no probable cause, what is needed to show that there was "arguable" probable cause at the time of the arrest? And what circuits will consider that?	Robert Higgason

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2:05PM to 3:05PM	Hampton Room	Land Use TBA		
2:05PM to 3:05PM	Blue Room	Section 1983 TBA		
3:05PM to 3:20PM	Blue Pre-Function	Coffee Break		
3:20PM to 4:50PM	Blue Room	Supreme Court Update	The Supreme Court's docket is packed with cases of relevance to local governments including on issues related to when the First Amendment applies to public officials' use of social media; a possible expansion of Title VII liability; an important takings / exactions case; further defining the contours of the Second Amendment; and whether the Court should overrule <i>Chevron</i> . Hear from Supreme Court experts on how these cases impact local governments and what we can expect from the Court going forward.	Hashim Mooppan, Michael Dreeben & Amy Howe Moderator: Amanda Karras
4:50PM to 5:20PM	Blue Room	Amicus Awards / Scholarship Announcement	Help us celebrate the pro bono authors that help make IMLA's Amicus Program such a success! IMLA will also announce the winner of the IMLA Charles W. Thompson, Jr. Scholarship.	
5:30PM to 7:00PM	Empire Ballroom Patio	Welcome Reception	Kick off the 2024 Mid Year Seminar with the Welcome Reception taking place at the Omni Shoreham. Enjoy light hors d'oeuvres, drinks and networking! A badge is required for entry and the dress is business casual. We hope to see you there! **Badge is required for entry! Guest tickets are available for purchase**	

Friday, April 19th, 2024

TIME	LOCATION	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	SPEAKERS
7:30AM to 5:00PM	Blue Pre-Function	Registration		
7:45AM to 8:45AM	Empire Ballroom	State/Provincial Breakfast	Advance registration is required. The State/Provincial Breakfast will 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 .	
9:00AM to 10:00AM	Hampton Room	Section 1983 TBA		
9:00AM to 10:00AM	Blue Room	Developing a Policy to Implement the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act	This presentation would provide an overview of the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act and EEOC implementing regulations and address how to draft and implement a policy effectuating the Act's requirements.	Anne Marie Tosco & Robin Cross
10:10AM to 11:10AM	Blue Room	Section 1983 TBA		
10:10AM to 11:10AM	Hampton Room	TBA		
11:10AM to 11:25AM	Blue Pre-Function	Coffee Break		
11:25AM to 12:25PM	Hampton Room	Telecom TBA		
11:25AM to 12:25PM	Blue Room	Section 1983: Cross Examination Practice Pointers	This presentation will provide strategies and practical tips for handling cross examination of witnesses during a Civil Rights trial. The presentation will also discuss how to protect your client on cross and/or if called as a witness by the other side.	Patricia Miller & Melanie Speight
12:25PM to 2:00PM		Lunch on your own		
1:00PM to 1:45PM	Empire Ballroom	State/Provincial Chair & Regional Vice President Lunch Meeting	Grab your own lunch and head to the ballroom to meet with other Chairs and RVPs for a thoughtful round-table discussion.	
2:00PM to 3:30PM	Hamton Room	International Comparative Law Panel		
2:00PM to 3:30PM	Blue Room	Section 1983 TBA		

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3:45PM to 4:45PM	Blue Room	Section 1983 TBA		
3:45PM to 4:45PM	Hampton Room	State League Meeting		

Saturday, April 20th, 2024

TIME	LOCATION	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	SPEAKER
7:30AM to 1:00PM	Blue Pre-Function	Registration		
7:45AM to 8:45AM	Empire Ballroom	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 10:30AM	Blue Room	Section 1983 TBA		
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10:30AM to 10:45AM	Blue Pre-Function	Coffee Break		
10:45AM to 11:45AM	Hampton Room	Section 1983 TBA		
10:45AM to 11:45AM	Blue Room	TBA		
11:55AM to 12:55PM	Blue Room	TBA		
11:55AM to 12:55PM	Hampton Room	Section 1983 TBA		

Sunday, April 21st, 2024

TIME	LOCATION	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	SPEAKERS
8:00AM to 12:00PM	Blue Pre-Function	Registration		
8:10AM to 8:35AM	Blue Pre-Function	Coffee Break / Passport Drawing	Participating exhibitors will provide prizes as attendees visit all exhibitor booths to be eligible for the prize drawing.	
8:35AM to 9:35AM	Blue Room	TBA		
9:45AM to 10:45AM	Blue Room	Case Law Update	This is a fast paced presentation that will provide summaries of cases touching on all aspects of local government law from all the circuits.	Doug Haney
10:45AM to 11:00AM	Blue Pre-Function	Coffee Break		
11:00AM to 12:00PM	Blue Room	Quality Legal Representation from the Client's Perspective		Moderator: Alan Bojorquez