



IMLA 2024 Comparative Law Program

Lake Como, Italy

Trip: October 16-20, 2024

Program: October 18-19, 2024

Attendees will access the translation through an App on their phone and they must bring their own headphones.

Wednesday – October 16, 2024 – Check-In

Time	Activity
2:00 PM	Welcome Lunch - Ristorante In Teatro P.za Giuseppe Verdi, 11 22100 Como CO, Italy ** Please RSVP for lunch with Avery Morris via email: amorris@imla.org by September 30th.

Thursday – October 17, 2024

Time	Activity
9:15 AM for a 9:30 AM Departure	Guided Boat Tour A bus will pick up at the hotel and depart promptly at 9:30 am. Please meet at 9:15 am to ensure on time departure. There will be bus transfer from the hotel to the pier in Cernobbio. The 6-hour tour consist of stops to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Villa Carlotta where the group visits the 17th century Villa and the gardens of the Clerici family who were successful silk merchants for more than 200 years before Anton Clerici blew the family fortune.• The 1500 year-old municipality of Varenna where the group will be able to purchase something quick to eat from local stands or restaurants or sit and relax and have a glass of wine. While in Varenna, the Tour will also visit Villa Monastero. The unusual Villa dates to the 1200's and served as a convent before being renovated in a Nordic style.• The Pearl of Lake Como, the municipality of Bellagio where the group will have free time for shopping and touring.• Other sites that will be viewed during the tour are the town of Tremezzo and Comacina Island as well as the Villas of D'Este, Erba, Pliniana, Balbianello, Oleandra (George and Amal's Villa), La Gaeta, and the Roman bridge of Nesso. The Boat then returns to Cernobbio. An English-speaking guide will accompany the Tour throughout.

Friday – October 18, 2024

Conference: Villa Gallia. Address: Passeggiata Lino Gelpi, 22100 Como CO, Italy

Time	Session	
9:00AM – to 9:15AM	Inauguration	Antonella Trentini & Deanna Shahnam
9:15AM – 10:30AM	Constitutional Framework of Italy and USA and Role of Local Government and Local Government Attorneys This presentation will provide a quick overview of the constitutional structure in Italy and the role and functions of public lawyers, whose role local government authorities cannot influence. The course will also cover the governing structure in the United States and discuss how the dynamics of federalism and home rule authority impacts the role of the local government attorney in the US.	Antonella Trentini & Katie Hodgdon
10:30AM – 10:50AM	Coffee Break	
10:50AM – 11:50AM	Cybersecurity – Artificial Intelligence This joint presentation by speakers from Italy, Switzerland and the United States will provide a GDPR perspective, a Swiss and General European perspective and a U.S. perspective, focusing on the intersection of cybersecurity and artificial intelligence. Speakers will emphasize AI's capacity for misuse in the electoral context, discuss available tools to protect elections, including those developed by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (USEAC) and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), as well as manipulation of voter opinions through microtargeting voters. Speakers will also discuss psychological warfare in the political arena and provide an overview of the legal and regulatory landscape for AI in elections.	Caterina Siciliano, Benjamin Griffith & Sven Kohlmeier
11:50AM – 12:50PM	Judicial Framework of USA and Italy This presentation will discuss the judicial framework of the United States and Italy. Specifically for the United States, Justice Mike Wallach will discuss federal jurisdiction, state jurisdiction, and federal and Texas court structures.	Mike Wallach and Professor Paolo Sabbioni
12:50PM – 2:00PM	Lunch Break (included)	
2:00PM – 3:00PM	Open Government in Italy and USA The presentation will discuss the comparison of open meetings and open records laws (transparency) between Italy and the United States. For the United States, the presentation will cover the Open Meeting Act with a brief historical background and its application to local government in Michigan. The discussion will also cover how the Open Meeting Acts impact on local government governance practice and the transparency in the government	Fabrizio Dellepiane and Carlos Alvarado

	management as a goal under the Act and the Freedom of Information Act.	
3:00PM – 3:20PM	Break	
3:20PM – 4:35PM	<p>Ethics – Principles of Good Governance</p> <p>This presentation will acknowledge the Council of Europe’s 12 Principles of Good Governance. Within this context, the discussion will focus on (6) Ethical Conduct, the key components of which are: (a) the public good is placed before individual interests; (b) there are effective measures to prevent and combat all forms of corruption; (c) conflicts of interest are declared in a timely manner and persons involved must abstain from taking part in relevant decisions. Specifically, regarding local government lawyers, we will address: Competence (ABA Model Rules 1.1); Individual Interests [Conflicts of Interest] (ABA Model Rule 1.7); and Combating Corruption (ABA Model Rules 1.2, 1.6, 1.7 and 1.13).</p>	Domenica Condello, Alan Bojorquez and President Michele Corradino
7:30 PM	<p>Dinner - Tratoria Pizzerie in borgovico</p> <p>Via Borgo Vico, 79, 22100 Como CO, Italy</p> <p>** Please RSVP for lunch with Avery Morris via email: amorris@imla.org by September 30th.</p>	

Saturday – October 19, 2024

Conference: Villa Gallia. Address: Passeggiata Lino Gelpi, 22100 Como CO, Italy

Time	Session	Speakers
9:30AM – 10:30AM	<p>Public Contracts</p> <p>This presentation will discuss local and national public contracting laws, rules and regulations for Italy and the United States. The U.S. portion of presentation on public contracting will provide an overview of municipal (local government) public contracting discussing the City of Atlanta's laws and policy. The presentation will also provide an overview of the intersection between local and federal laws when the US government regulates and/or funds activities that are managed by local governments, i.e. municipal owned airports. An example used will be Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, where when utilizing public contracting, local laws apply with an incorporation of federal contract provisions and diversity contractor requirements.</p>	Carmine Poddas, Jessee Dagen and President Marco Lipari
10:30AM – 10:50AM	Coffee Break	
10:50AM – 12:05PM	<p>Impact of ESG (Environmental, Social, and Corporate Governance) on Local Government</p> <p>This presentation will discuss the impact of environmental, social, and corporate governance on local government. The presenters will provide the perspective from Canada, United</p>	Giuseppe Simeone, Mary Ellen Bench and Judge Giuseppe La Greca

	States and Italy and policies used by local government attorneys. Additional topics may be provided.	
7:30 PM	Lunch (included) – Location TBD	

Sunday – October 20, 2024 – Check Out.