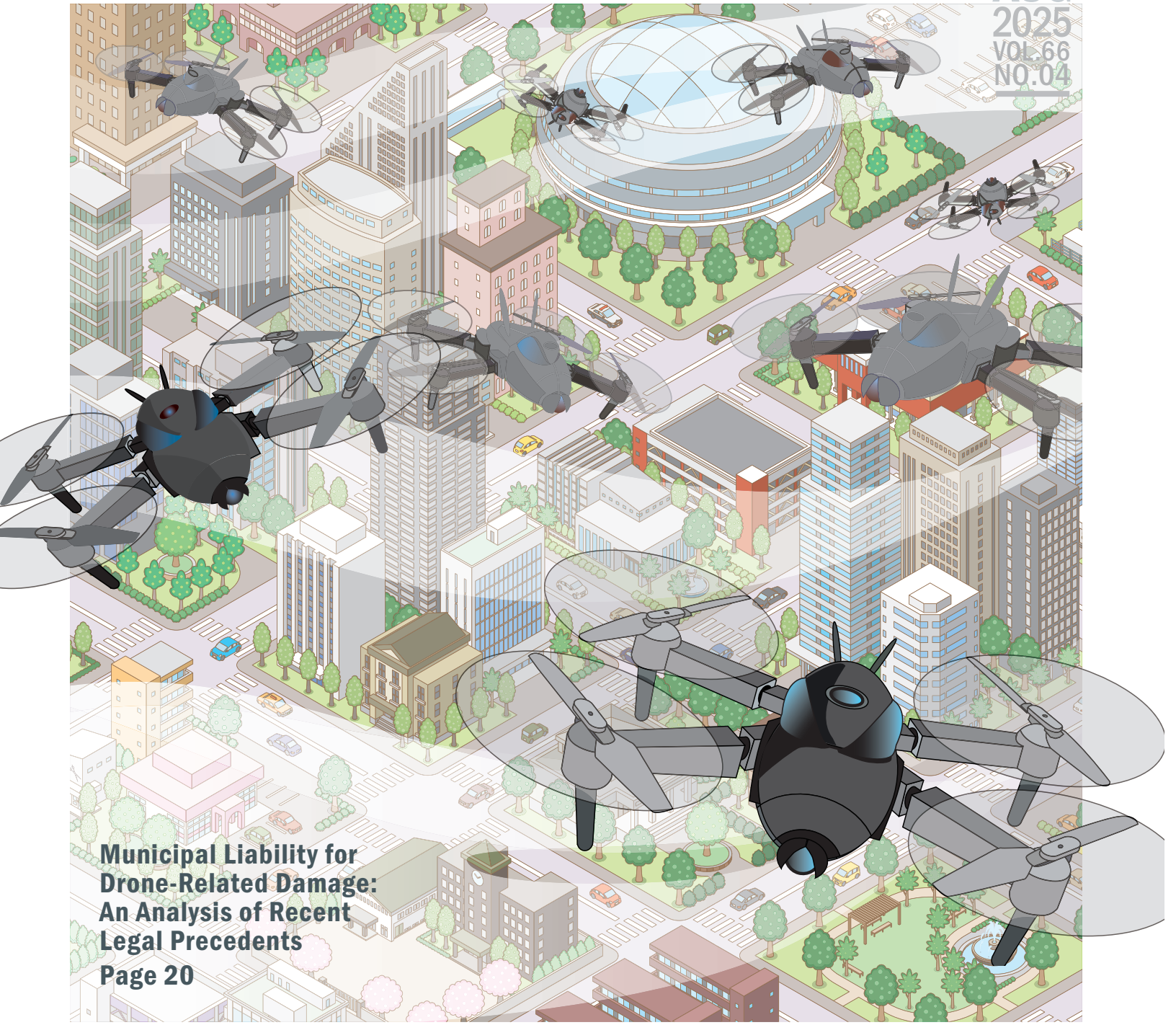
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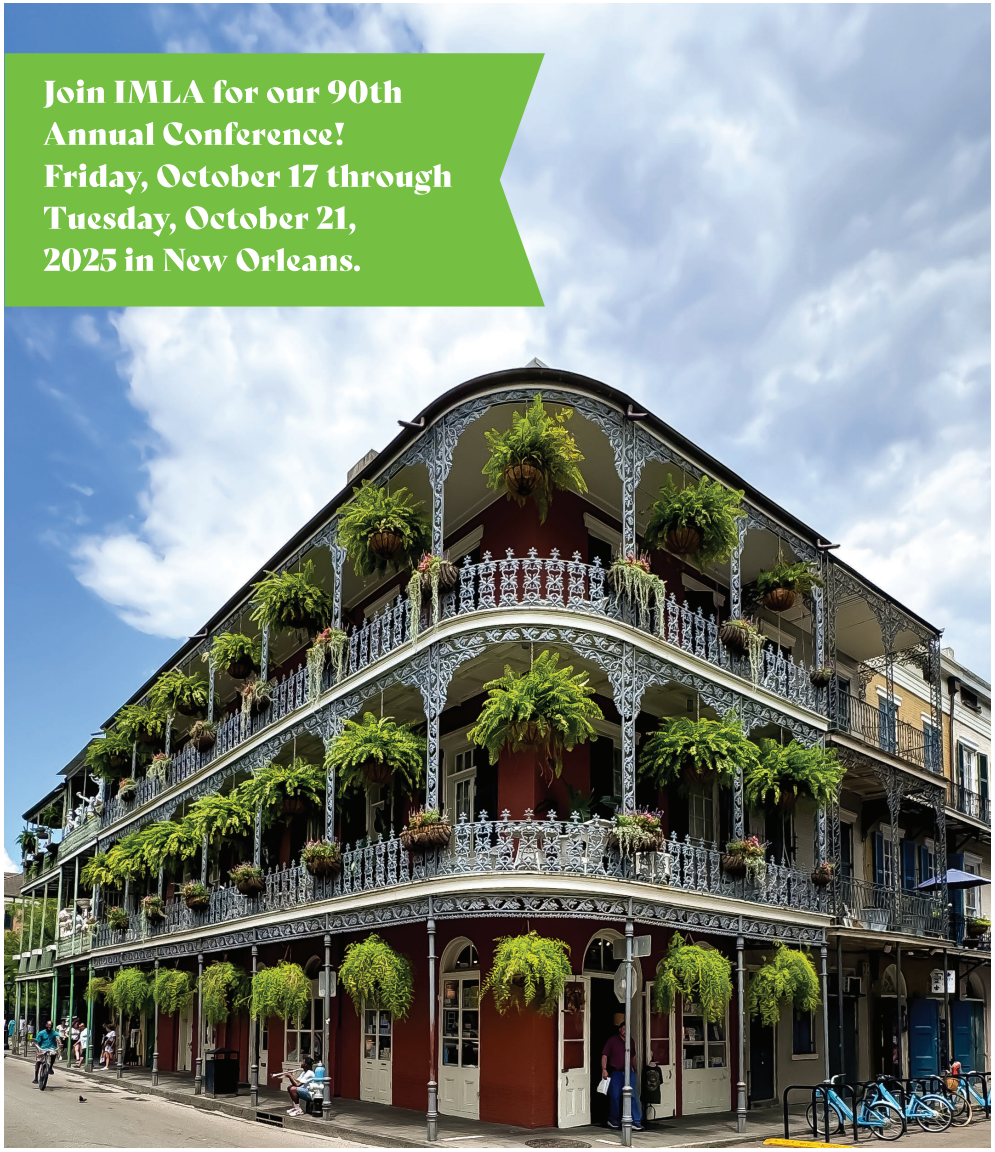
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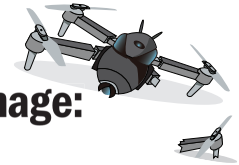


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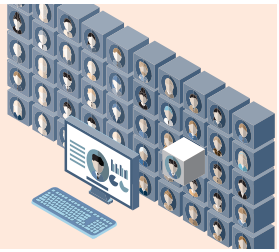
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FROM THE EXECUTIVE EDITOR

As we go to press, our thoughts are with the communities across Texas who continue to face the devastating impacts of recent flooding. Many of our members live and work in the impacted areas, but even for those that don't, this disaster hits close to home for all of us, and IMLA stands with you. In times of crisis, we know that local government attorneys are not only working in the Emergency Operations Center supporting first responders but after the immediate disaster ends, you all are the long-term stewards of recovery. To support that work, IMLA maintains a Disaster Resources Library with materials designed to assist local government lawyers navigating emergency response and post-disaster legal challenges. The resource library contains everything from pre-disaster checklists to sample ordinances, call recordings from IMLA presenters after disasters, to full disaster playbooks created by IMLA state league partners. If you would like to access the library, please visit our website or contact me or a member of IMLA's staff and we can assist you.

While disasters like these draw national attention, our members are constantly adapting to a fast-changing legal landscape—particularly in areas shaped by recent executive actions. From federal funding requirements to shifting DEI policies, to immigration conditions in grants, we've seen a steady stream of shifting federal administrative priorities. IMLA is committed to helping you stay ahead of these developments. Through frequent member calls, timely alerts, and expert-led discussions, we're here to help you interpret and implement these changes in real time, so you can keep your jurisdictions compliant and prepared. Since January, we've hosted dozens of calls on these topics, in addition to our regular calls on code enforcement, law enforcement advising, and homelessness among others. Local government attorneys are called on to address a wide array of challenges that continue to grow in complexity across the country. These resources are part of our broader mission to ensure local government attorneys are equipped to meet the moment—no matter what that moment brings.

In that spirit, we were especially proud to host our recent Construction Law Program in Providence, Rhode Island. With an excellent lineup of speakers and timely discussions on infrastructure, procurement, and risk management, the program delivered exactly what our members value most: practical legal education and meaningful peer engagement. A special thank you goes to IMLA's President, Jeffrey Dana, the City Solicitor of Providence, for graciously hosting us and helping foster such a welcoming and productive event. IMLA will look for other opportunities in the future to host focused topical conferences and we welcome your input on this.

Finally, I hope you'll join us this October 17–21 in New Orleans for IMLA's Annual Conference, where this theme continues. Our CLE programming at the conference will include deep dives into the very issues changing the local government legal landscape today—such as the federal shift of responsibility in disaster recovery under FEMA, the evolving requirements tied to federal grants, and the broader legal implications of shifting federal priorities. We will of course also offer many of our local government law staples, including sessions on regulatory takings, AI, public nuisance abatement, ethics, telecommunications, and employment law, among many others. Please visit our website to review the program and register. Beyond the education, this is your chance to connect with colleagues, share insights, and recharge among professionals who understand your work and your challenges. And of course, these opportunities will all take place under the backdrop of New Orleans! So come enjoy the music, food, culture, and your fantastic IMLA colleagues from around the country.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Warm regards,
Amanda Karras
Executive Director, IMLA