

IMLA 2025 Code Enforcement Program

Virtual February 25-26, 2026

Wednesday - February 25, 2026

Time	Session	Speaker(s)
12:00 PM – 12:50 PM Eastern	Welcome Lunch Spend time discussing Code Enforcement issues over an informal networking lunch (or breakfast) via Zoom.	
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM Eastern		
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM Eastern		

Thursday – February 26, 2026

Time	Session	Speaker(s)
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Eastern	Drug and Public Nuisance Abatement A case study of the City of Birmingham's application of drug and public nuisance abatement laws to eliminate blighted, dangerous, vacant, and neglected properties that serve as launching pads for criminality. The discussion will highlight the profound impact that the City's efforts are having on the surrounding community and fostering neighborhood revitalization.	Nicole King & Joseph Abrams
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM Eastern	Ethical Obligations for Attorneys Involved in Code Enforcement This presentation focuses on the ethical obligations for lawyers who advise municipal employees who implement and enforce city code; and policy makers who adopt city code. At a minimum, the presentation will cover professional rules of conduct related to communications, confidentiality of information, attorney as advisor, conflict of interest, organization as a client, and dealing with an unrepresented parties will be discussed. The presentation will also cover ethical issues applicable to government employees and elected officials generally.	Trish Link
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM Eastern		

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