



# IMLA 2026 Mid-Year Seminar

Washington, D.C.

April 10-13, 2026

## Friday – April 10, 2026

Time / Location	Session	Speaker(s)
9:00 AM – 4:45 PM Blue Room Pre-Function	<b>IMLA Registration &amp; Exhibitors</b> Registration will close from 11:45 PM-12:45 PM.	
8:30 AM – to 12:00 PM Governor's Room	<b>Board of Directors' Meeting</b>	
10:15 AM – 10:45 AM Blue Room Pre-Function	<b>Welcome to IMLA Coffee Break</b> Join IMLA President and Executive Director for welcoming remarks and helpful tips for new and long-time attendees alike.	Amanda Karras & Susana Alcala Wood
10:45 AM – 11:45 AM		
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11:45 AM – 12:55 PM	<b>Lunch Independently</b>	
12:55 PM – 1:55 PM		
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2:05 PM – 3:05 PM		
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3:05 PM – 3:20 PM Blue Room Pre-Function	<b>Coffee Break</b> – Coffee, Tea and Lemonade available to registrants.	
3:20 PM – 4:50 PM Blue Room	<b>Supreme Court Update</b> The Supreme Court term is full of cases relevant to local governments. Hear from a panel of Supreme Court experts, including two former Solicitor Generals, about how the cases will impact local governments. Issues before the Court include an important Takings Excessive Fines case in the context of tax foreclosures; the constitutionality of minority redistricting; Fourth Amendment considerations for warrantless entries into a home to render emergency aid; separation of powers and independent administrative agencies; the constitutionality of the birthright citizenship executive order, and more.	Elizabeth Prelogar & Paul Clement
4:50 PM – 5:20 PM Blue Room	<b>Amicus Awards / Scholarship Announcement</b> 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.	
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM Empire Patio	<b>Welcome Reception</b> Kick off the 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.	

7:30 PM Muzette	<b>Karaoke</b> Karaoke lovers will join the group going to Muzette – “DC’s first private-roomed karaoke joint: a subterranean karao-cave with a small dining area serving home-style Korean dishes, a long wooden bar, and a huge mural of Adams Morgan.” Each individual will be responsible for the split cost of the room. Room prices will depend on size and how many people sign up. Email Avery to get put on our list.	
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## Saturday – April 11, 2026

Time / Location	Session	Speaker(s)
7:30 AM – 5:00 PM Blue Room Pre-Function	<b>IMLA Registration &amp; Exhibitors</b> Registration will close from 12:25 PM-2:00 PM.	
7:45 AM – 8:45 AM Empire Ballroom	<b>State/Provincial Breakfast</b> The State/Provincial Breakfast with give attendees an opportunity to sit down with fellow attendees from their area. Advance registration is required. If you would like to add the breakfast to your registration, please email <a href="mailto:info@imla.org">info@imla.org</a> .	
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11:10 AM – 11:25 AM Blue Room Pre-Function	<b>Coffee Break</b> – Coffee, Tea and Lemonade available to registrants.	
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12:25 PM – 2:00 PM	<b>Lunch Independently</b>	
1:00 PM – 1:30 PM	<b>RVP/Chair Lunch Meeting</b> We invite all IMLA RVPs and Chairs to bring your own lunch and join us for a meeting to talk about upcoming goals and to meet on another.	
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM		
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM		
3:30 PM – 3:45 PM Blue Room Pre-Function	<b>Coffee Break</b> – Coffee, Tea and Lemonade available to registrants.	
3:45 PM – 4:45 PM		
3:45 PM – 4:45 PM	<b>State League Meeting</b>	

## Sunday – April 12, 2026

Time / Location	Session	Speaker(s)
7:30 AM – 12:55 PM Blue Room Pre-Function	<b>IMLA Registration &amp; Exhibitors</b>	
7:45 AM – 8:45 AM Empire Ballroom	<b>WONK Breakfast</b> 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. Advance registration is required. If you would like to add the breakfast to your registration, please email <a href="mailto:info@imla.org">info@imla.org</a> .	

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	<b>Public Comment – The Good, The Bad, and The Legal</b> As Leslie Knope (Amy Poehler) from the show Parks and Rec humorously stated: “What I hear when I’m being yelled at [during a public meeting] is people caring loudly at me.” This presentation will explore the benefits of public comment, some of the issues commonly associated with public comment, and what you can do to address those issues.	Neal Falgoust & Todd Sheeran
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10:30 AM – 10:45 AM Blue Room Pre-Function	<b>Coffee Break</b> – Coffee, Tea and Lemonade available to registrants.	
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1:30 PM – 3:00 PM Smithsonian National Zoological Park	<b>Smithsonian Zoo Trip</b> Join your fellow attendees for a trip to the Smithsonian Zoo, right up the street from the Omni Shoreham. This trip will be free for anyone attending but we will need you to RSVP to secure you or your guests a ticket. Email Avery to get put on our list.	

## Monday – April 28, 2025

Time / Location	Session	Speaker(s)
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM Blue Room Pre-Function	<b>IMLA Registration &amp; Exhibitors</b>	
8:10 AM – 8:35 AM Blue Room Pre-Function	<b>Coffee Break / Passport Drawing</b> Participating exhibitors will provide prizes as attendees visit all exhibitor booths to be eligible for the prize drawing.	
8:35 AM – 9:35 AM Blue Room		
9:45 AM – 10:45 AM Blue Room		
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM Blue Room Pre-Function	<b>Coffee Break</b> – Coffee, Tea and Lemonade available to registrants.	
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Blue Room	<b>Ethics</b> IMLA will apply for ethics CLE credits for this session. *	Alan Bojorquez, Kuruvilla Oommen & Patrick Baker

**Last Updated:** 01/07/26. Please note the agenda is tentative and subject to change.

\*Based on state bar approval.