IMLA 2027 Mid-Year Seminar

Washington, D.C.
April 16-19, 2027

Friday – April 16, 2027

Time / Location	Session	Speaker(s)
9:00 AM – 4:45 PM Blue Room Pre-Function	**IMLA Registration & Exhibitors** Registration will close from 11:45 PM-12:45 PM.	
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Calvert Room	**Attendee Lounge** Take advantage of our dedicated Attendee Lounge - A powered, flexible space for productivity and connection. Catch up on emails, host small meetings, or enjoy a networking lunch. Stop by anytime during event hours to work, meet, network, and recharge.	
8:30 AM – to 12:00 PM Governor's Room	**Board of Directors' Meeting**	
10:15 AM – 10:45 AM Blue Room 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.	Amanda Karras & Beth Anne Childs
10:45 AM – 11:45 AM Blue Room	**Session TBA**	
10:45 AM – 11:45 AM Hampton Room	**Session TBA**	
11:45 AM – 12:55 PM	**Lunch Independently**	
12:55 PM – 1:55 PM Hampton Room	**Session TBA**	
12:55 PM – 1:55 PM Blue Room	**Session TBA**	
2:05 PM – 3:05 PM Blue Room	**Session TBA**	
2:05 PM – 3:05 PM Hampton Room	**Session TBA**	
3:05 PM – 3:20 PM Blue Room Pre-Function	**Coffee Break** – Coffee, Tea and Lemonade available to registrants.	
3:20 PM – 4:50 PM Blue Room	**Supreme Court Update**	**Moderator:** Amanda Karras
4:50 PM – 5:20 PM 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 winners of various IMLA scholarships.	

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM Empire Patio	**Welcome Reception** 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!	
7:30 PM Muzette	**Karaoke** 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 at amorris@imla.org.	

Saturday – April 17, 2027

Time / Location	Session	Speaker(s)
7:30 AM – 5:00 PM Blue Room Pre-Function	**IMLA Registration & Exhibitors** Registration will close from 12:25 PM-2:00 PM.	
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Calvert Room	**Attendee Lounge** Take advantage of our dedicated Attendee Lounge - A powered, flexible space for productivity and connection. Catch up on emails, host small meetings, or enjoy a networking lunch. Stop by anytime during event hours to work, meet, network, and recharge.	
7:45 AM – 8:45 AM Empire Ballroom	**State/Provincial Breakfast** The State/Provincial Breakfast with give attendees an opportunity to sit down with fellow attendees from their area. Advance registration is required.	
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Blue Room Pre-Function	**Coffee Break**	
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Blue Room	**Session TBA**	Jack Ryan
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Hampton Room	**Session TBA**	
10:10 AM – 11:10 AM Blue Room	**Session TBA**	
10:10 AM – 11:10 AM Hampton Room	**Session TBA**	
11:10 AM – 11:25 AM Blue Room Pre-Function	**Coffee Break** – Coffee, Tea and Lemonade available to registrants.	
11:25 AM – 12:25 PM Hampton Room	**Session TBA**	
11:25 AM – 12:25 PM Blue Room	**Session TBA**	
12:25 PM – 2:00 PM	**Lunch Independently**	
1:00 PM – 1:30 PM	**RVP/Chair Lunch Meeting** 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 one another.	
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM Hampton Room	**Session TBA**	

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM Blue Room	**Strings Attached: Federal Grant Conditions, Rule Changes, Litigation, and Protecting Local Interests** Cities and counties that depend on federal grant funding are navigating unprecedented legal and operational challenges. Since early 2025, federal Executive Branch actions targeting municipal grants have triggered tighter rules, political policy mandates from the federal government, compliance uncertainty, operational disruption for cities and counties nationwide, and a wave of litigation. This session is co-presented by a Deputy City Attorney charged with primary responsibility for reviewing grants for the City of Los Angeles and a former DOJ Civil Division litigator now serving as City Solicitor for the City of Pittsburgh (opinions expressed are their own). The session will explore: (1) the legal framework governing federal grants, (2) the shift in federal rules, 2 CFR Part 200, (3) key litigation developments, and (4) practical strategies for reviewing grant agreements, maintaining strong internal controls, monitoring subrecipients properly, and avoiding sudden funding cuts. Learn how cities and states are successfully fighting back against unlawful federal funding restrictions and how you can best protect your locality's interests.	Lisa Marcus & Barak Vaughn
3:30 PM – 3:45 PM Blue Room Pre-Function	**Coffee Break** – Coffee, Tea and Lemonade available to registrants.	
3:45 PM – 4:45 PM Hampton Room	**Session TBA**	
3:45 PM – 4:45 PM Blue Room	**Session TBA**	

Sunday – April 18, 2027

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7:30 AM – 12:55 PM Blue Room Pre-Function	**IMLA Registration & Exhibitors**	
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Calvert Room	**Attendee Lounge** Take advantage of our dedicated Attendee Lounge - A powered, flexible space for productivity and connection. Catch up on emails, host small meetings, or enjoy a networking lunch. Stop by anytime during event hours to work, meet, network, and recharge.	
7:45 AM – 8:45 AM Empire Ballroom	**WONK Breakfast** 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.	
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Blue Room Pre-Function	**Coffee Break**	
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM Hampton Room	**Session TBA**	
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM Blue Room	**Session TBA**	
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM Blue Room Pre-Function	**Coffee Break / Passport Drawing** Participating exhibitors will provide prizes as attendees visit all exhibitor booths to be eligible for the prize drawing.	
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Hampton Room	**Session TBA**	

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12:10 PM – 1:10 PM Hampton Room	**Session TBA**	
12:10 PM – 1:10 PM Blue Room	**Session TBA**	
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM Smithsonian National Zoological Park	**Smithsonian Zoo Trip** 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.	

Monday – April 19, 2027

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8:00 AM – 12:00 PM Blue Room Pre-Function	**IMLA Registration & Exhibitors**	
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8:10 AM – 8:35 AM Blue Room Pre-Function	**Coffee Break / Passport Drawing** Participating exhibitors will provide prizes as attendees visit all exhibitor booths to be eligible for the prize drawing.	
8:35 AM – 9:35 AM Blue Room	**Session TBA**	
9:45 AM – 10:45 AM Blue Room	**Session TBA**	
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM Blue Room Pre-Function	**Coffee Break** – Coffee, Tea and Lemonade available to registrants.	
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Blue Room	**Ethics for Government Attorneys: Interactive Scenarios** In this interactive presentation, speakers will discuss different ethics scenarios and how to address them. The presentation will then go over the professional rules (including ABA Rule 1.11, 1.7, 1.9, and 3.3, 4.1, 8.4), and cases that apply to the situation and provide the 'answer' to the dilemma.	Darren Shulman & Alan Bojorquez

Last Updated: 11/03/26. Please note the agenda is tentative and subject to change.