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May 17-19, 2023 ◆ Monterey, CA

# City Attorneys Spring **CONFERENCE**

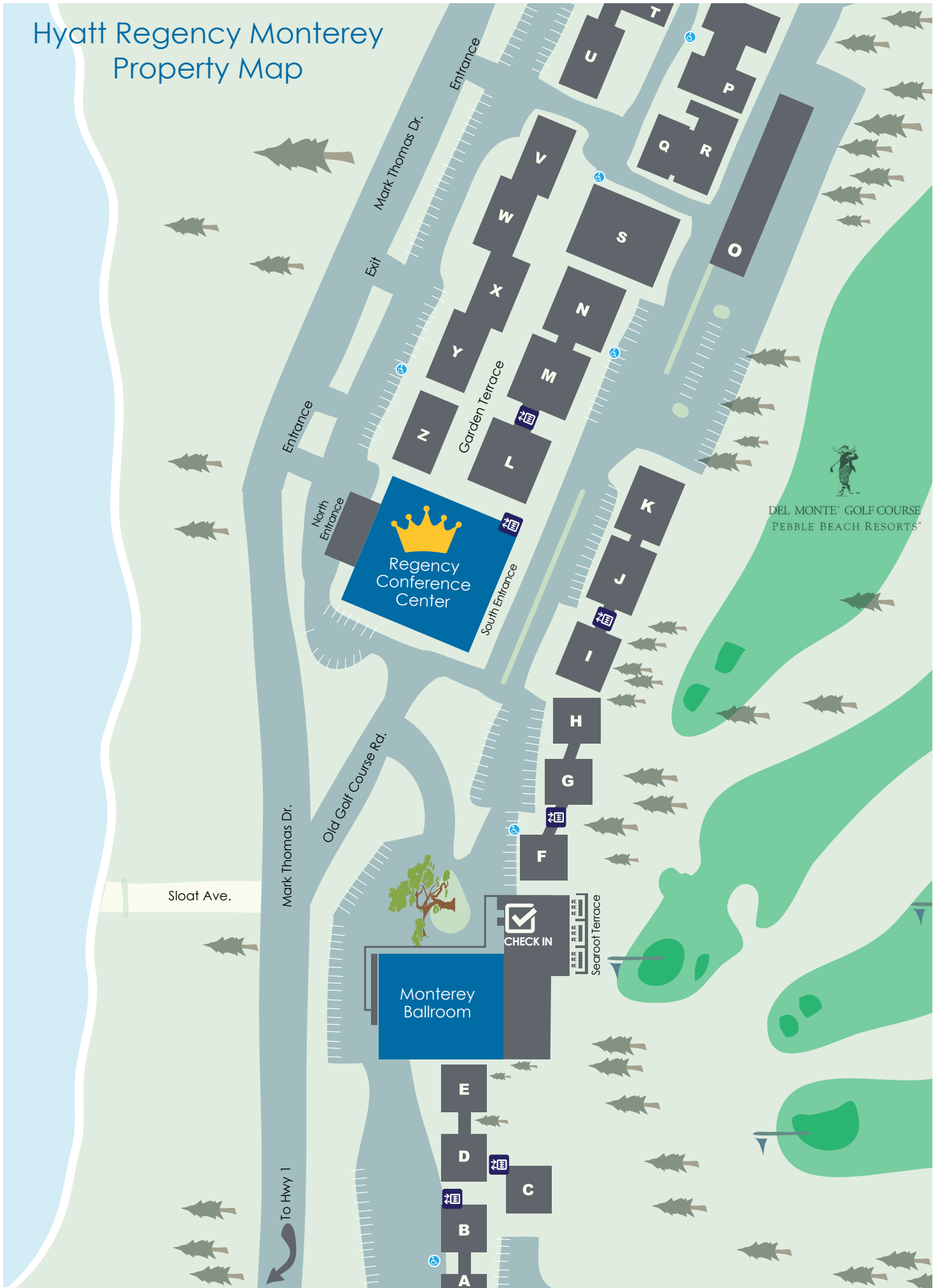
Hyatt Regency Monterey

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# Hyatt Regency Monterey Property Map



DEL MONTE GOLF COURSE  
PEBBLE BEACH RESORTS

Sloat Ave.

Mark Thomas Dr.

Old Golf Course Rd.

To Hwy 1

Entrance

Exit

Mark Thomas Dr.

Entrance

North Entrance

South Entrance

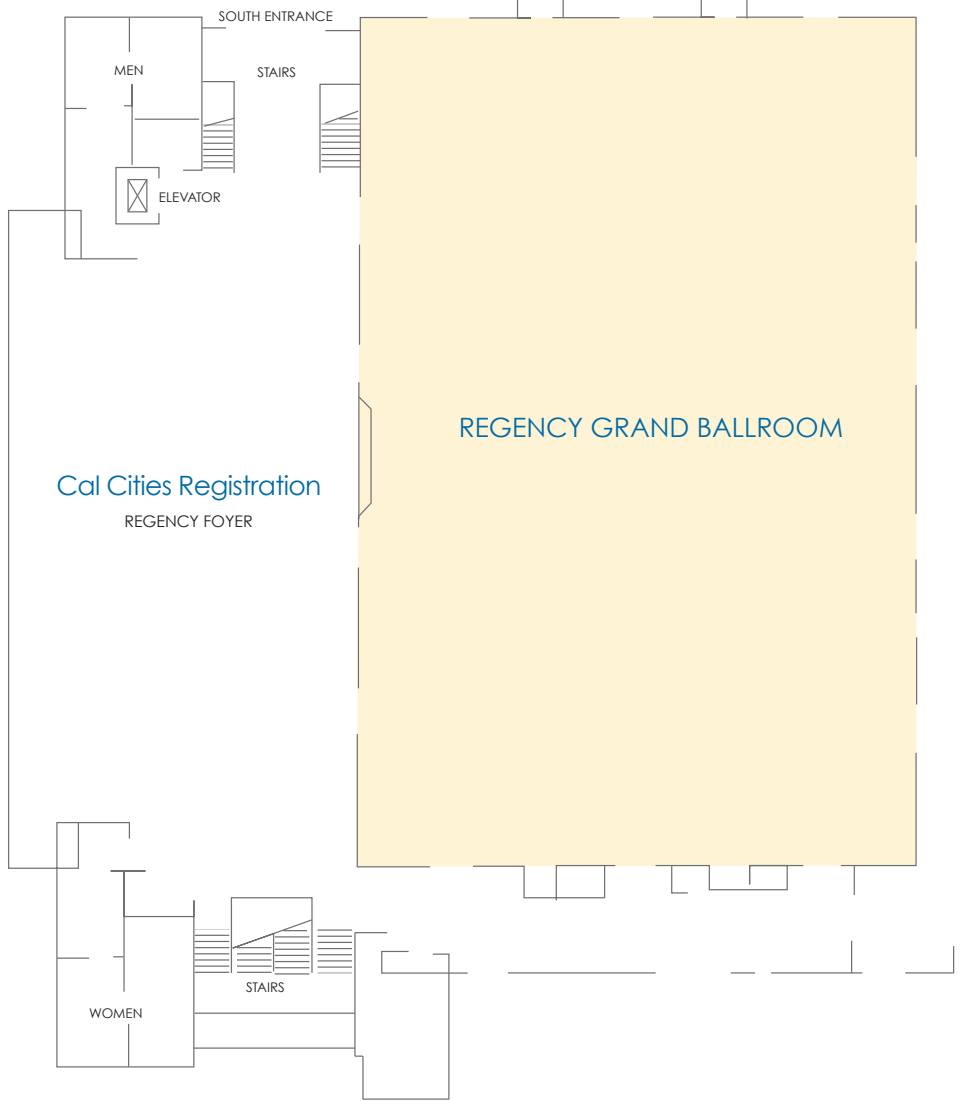
Garden Terrace

Monterey Ballroom

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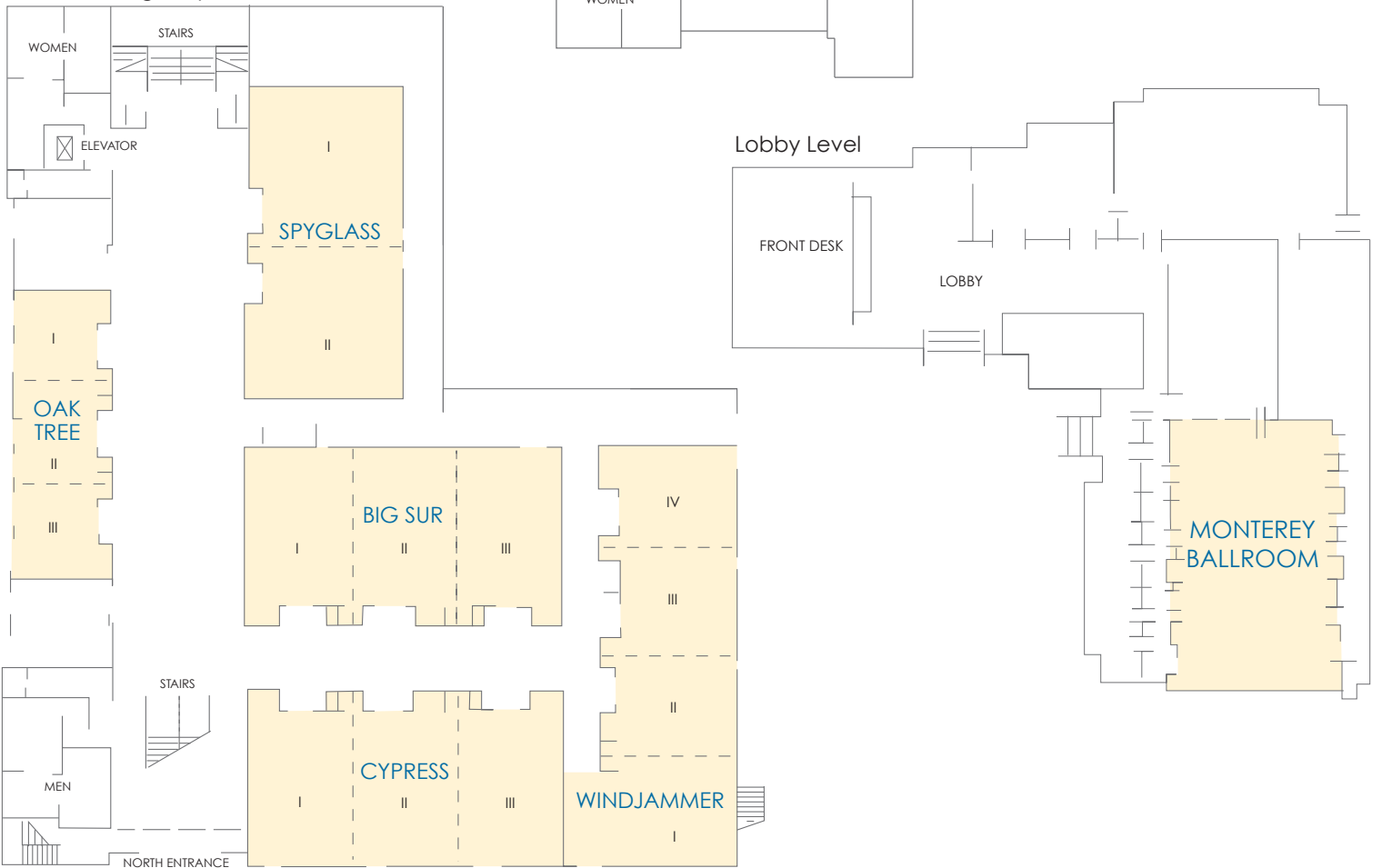
### Second Floor, Regency Conference Center



While a majority of activities will occur at the conference center, some meals will take place at the Monterey Ballroom, which is connected to the main hotel lobby.

Please refer to the previous page that shows the Hyatt Regency Monterey Property Map.

### First Floor, Regency Conference Center





# 2023 CITY ATTORNEYS SPRING CONFERENCE

Wednesday, May 17 – Friday, May 19

Hyatt Regency Monterey

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## 2022-2023 City Attorneys Department Officers

### President

Eric Danly, City Attorney, Petaluma

### First Vice President

Joseph Montes, City Attorney, Alhambra, San Marino, and Santa Clarita

### Second Vice President

Susana Alcala Wood, City Attorney, Sacramento

### Department Director

Michael Colantuono, City Attorney, Grass Valley

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## WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

10:30 a.m.–6:15 p.m.

### REGISTRATION OPEN

*Regency Foyer*

11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.

### LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:00–3:00 p.m.

### GENERAL SESSION

*Regency Grand Ballroom*

*Moderator:* Eric Danly, President, City Attorneys Dept. and City Attorney, Petaluma

#### **Welcoming Remarks**

*Speaker:* Christine Davi, City Attorney, Monterey

#### **Land Use and CEQA Litigation Update**

*Speaker:* William Ihrke, City Attorney, Cerritos and La Quinta, Partner, Rutan & Tucker

#### **“...and Other Duties as Required”: Talking to Non-Clients**

*Speakers:* Derek Cole, City Attorney, Oakley, Sutter Creek, Partner, Cole Huber  
Joseph “Seph” Petta, Deputy City Attorney, Half Moon Bay, Partner, Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger  
Zaynah Moussa, City Attorney, Vernon  
Deepa Sharma, Assistant City Attorney, Piedmont, Partner, Burke, Williams & Sorensen

# WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

3:15–4:45 p.m.

## **GENERAL SESSION**

*Regency Grand Ballroom*

*Moderator:* Michael Colantuono, Department Director, City Attorneys Dept. and City Attorney, Grass Valley, Managing Shareholder, Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley

### **Implementing Districts - Now That You Have Gone to Districts, What Next?**

*Speakers:* Holly O. Whatley, Shareholder, Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley  
Doug Johnson, President, National Demographics Corporation  
Randi Johl, Legislative Director / City Clerk, Temecula

### **Housing Legislation and Status Density Bonus Law Update**

*Speakers:* Iman Novin, President, Novin Development Corp.  
Patricia Curtin, Legal Counsel to Cities and Special Districts, Fennemore Wendel  
Amara L. Morrison, Director, Fennemore Wendel

5:00–6:00 p.m.

### **New Lawyers Meet and Greet** *(Under 10 years of municipal law practice)*

*Regency Grand Ballroom*

Meet colleagues, learn about the City Attorneys Department, share ideas about municipal law, and engage with the Cal Cities Attorney Development and Succession Committee.

6:00–7:30 p.m.

## **RECEPTION**

*Monterey Ballroom*

Make new friends and see old ones while enjoying delicious appetizers and tasty beverages during the evening networking reception. *No host beverages.*



## **MCLE Credit**

The League of California Cities is a State Bar of California minimum continuing legal education (MCLE) approved provider and certifies this activity meets the standards for MCLE credit by the State Bar of California in the total amount of 11.25 hours, including .75 hours of Implicit Bias subfield credit and 1 hour of Competence Issues subfield credit.

**To earn MCLE, please scan your badge** at one of the available kiosks during these timeframes:

- Once during Wednesday afternoon sessions.
- Twice on Thursday: once during morning sessions and once during afternoon sessions.
- Once on Friday during morning sessions.

# THURSDAY, MAY 18

8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

## REGISTRATION OPEN

*Regency Foyer*

8:00–9:30 a.m.

## BREAKFAST

*Regency Foyer*

8:30–9:30 a.m.

## CONCURRENT GROUP DISCUSSIONS

New for 2023! Grab breakfast off the buffet and join one of these topical group discussions:

### **Coastal Cities**

*Spyglass*

*Moderator:* Cindie McMahon, City Attorney, Carlsbad

### **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Town Hall**

*Big Sur*

*Moderator:* Michael Lawson, City Attorney, Hayward

### **Homelessness and the Unsheltered**

*Cypress*

*Moderator:* Andrew Jared, Senior Counsel, Colantuono Highsmith & Whatley

### **Solo and Small City Attorney Offices**

*Oak Tree*

*Moderator:* Heather Stroud, City Attorney, South Lake Tahoe

9:45–11:15 a.m.

## GENERAL SESSION

*Regency Grand Ballroom*

*Moderator:* Susana Alcala Wood, Second Vice President, City Attorneys Dept. and City Attorney, Sacramento

### **Preparation of Official Statements: Interplay between Disclosure Counsel and the Client**

*Speakers:* Jeffrey Massey, Senior Deputy City Attorney, Sacramento  
Lawrence Chan, Shareholder, Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth

### **The Unsheltered Residing in our Communities: Navigating Constitutional and Practical Concerns**

*Speakers:* Rene Alejandro Ortega, Partner, Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger  
Eric Salbert, Deputy City Attorney, Chico, Senior Associate, Alvarez-Glasman & Colvin

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## **GENERAL SESSION**

*Regency Grand Ballroom*

*Moderator:* Joseph Montes, First Vice President, City Attorneys Dept. and City Attorney, Alhambra, San Marino, and Santa Clarita, Partner, Burke, Williams & Sorensen

### **Municipal Tort and Civil Rights Litigation Update**

*Speakers:* Alana Rotter, Partner, Greines, Martin, Stein & Richland  
Neil Okazaki, Deputy City Attorney / Police Legal Advisor, Corona

12:30–1:30 p.m.

## **NETWORKING LUNCHEON**

*Monterey Ballroom*

1:45–3:15 p.m.

## **GENERAL SESSION**

*Regency Grand Ballroom*

*Moderator:* Eric Danly, President, City Attorneys Dept. and City Attorney, Petaluma

### **Department Business Meeting and Colleague Recognition**

- *President's Report – Eric Danly*
- *Department Bylaws Amendments – Eric Danly*
- *Director's Report – Michael Colantuono*
- *Colleague Recognition – Department Officers*

### **Labor and Employment Litigation Update**

*Speakers:* Geoffrey S. Sheldon, Partner, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore  
Elizabeth Tom Arce, Partner, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore

3:30–5:00 p.m.

## **GENERAL SESSION**

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### **SB 1383: What it is and How it Impacts Every Jurisdiction**

*Speakers:* Dana Dean, Counsel, Hanson Bridgett  
Beth Hummer, Counsel, Hanson Bridgett  
Alene Taber, Counsel, Hanson Bridgett

*(MCLE Specialty Credit for Implicit Bias)*

### **DEIB, Microaggressions, and Decentering: A Path to Cultural Shift in Organizations**

*Speakers:* David Gonzalez, Associate, Aleshire & Wynder  
Elena Gerli, City Attorney, Suisun City, Assistant City Attorney, La Cañada Flintridge and Rancho Palos Verdes, Partner, Aleshire & Wynder  
Yecenia Vargas, Assistant City Attorney, Perris and Cypress, Associate, Aleshire & Wynder

# FRIDAY, MAY 19

**7:00–7:45 a.m.**

## **FUN RUN**

*Sponsored by Best Best & Krieger  
Regency Foyer*

**8:00–9:00 a.m.**

## **NETWORKING BREAKFAST**

*Monterey Ballroom*

**8:00–10:30 a.m.**

## **REGISTRATION**

*Regency Foyer*

**9:00–10:30 a.m.**

## **GENERAL SESSION**

*Regency Grand Ballroom*

*Moderator:* Joseph Montes, First Vice President, City Attorneys Dept. and City Attorney, Alhambra, San Marino, and Santa Clarita, Burke, Williams & Sorensen

### **General Municipal Litigation Update**

*Speaker:* Pamela K. Graham, Senior Counsel, Colantuono Highsmith & Whatley

### **What to do When First Amendment Auditors Come to Town**

*Speaker:* Deborah Fox, Principal and Chair of First Amendment and Trial & Litigation Practice Groups, Meyers Nave

**10:45 a.m.–Noon**

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### **Impaired Colleague? Addressing Attorney Competency, the Warning Signs, and Getting Help**

*Speaker:* Lita Abella, Sr. Program Analyst, Office of Professional Competence, Lawyer Assistance Program, The State Bar of California

### **Closing Remarks / Evaluations / Adjourn**

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