

2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Wednesday, Sept. 20 - Friday, Sept. 22
SAFE Credit Union Convention Center – Sacramento, CA

CITY ATTORNEYS PROGRAMMING

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, Burke, Williams & Sorensen

Second Vice President: Susana Alcalá Wood, City Attorney, Sacramento

Department Director: Michael Colantuono, City Attorney, Grass Valley, Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley

Wednesday—Sept. 20

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Registration Open

1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Opening General Session
(Whole Conference; No City Attorneys Programming)

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Legal Issues Session (Specialty MCLE)

Moderator: Eric Danly, City Attorney, Petaluma

30 min.

(MCLE Specialty Credit for Technology in the Practice of Law)

Artificial Intelligence and the Practice of Law

Speakers: Peter Lee, Martin Luther King Jr. Professor of Law, Director, Center for Innovation, Law, and Society, UC Davis School of Law
Matthew Slentz, Senior Counsel, Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley

45 min.

General Municipal Litigation Update

Speakers: Pamela K. Graham, Senior Counsel, Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley
Meghan Wharton, Senior Counsel, Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Grand Opening Expo Hall and Host City Reception

Thursday—Sept. 21

- 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** **Registration Open**
- 8:30 – 9:45 a.m.** **City Attorneys Business Meeting**
Moderator: Eric Danly, City Attorney, Petaluma
- Welcoming Remarks**
Speaker: Susana Alcala Wood, City Attorney, Sacramento
- Department Business Meeting**
- *Director's Report (Michael Colantuono)*
 - *President's Report (Eric Danly)*
 - *Nominating Committee Report (Dave Fleishman)*
 - *Election of Department Officers (President, 1st VP, 2nd VP, 2nd VP, Director) (Eric Danly)*
- 25 min.** **Meeting Disruptions, Workplace Violence Restraining Orders, and the Bane Act**
Speakers: Jon R. di Cristina, Senior Counsel, Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley
 Ryan Richardson, Chief Assistant City Attorney, Oakland
- 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.** **General Session**
(Whole Conference; No City Attorneys Programming)
- 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** **Attendee Lunch in Expo Hall**
(Whole Conference; No City Attorneys Programming)
- 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.** **Legal Issues Session**
Moderator: Michael Colantuono, City Attorney, Grass Valley, Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley
- Land Use and CEQA Litigation Update**
Speaker: John Luebberke, Of Counsel, Herum Crabtree Suntag
- Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing – State and Federal Law**
Speakers: Celeste Stahl Brady, Shareholder, Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth
 Yolanda M. Summerhill, Assistant City Attorney, Newport Beach
- 2:30 – 2:45 p.m.** **BREAK**

Thursday—Sept. 21

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2:45 – 4:15 p.m.

Legal Issues Session

Moderator: Susana Alcala Wood, City Attorney, Sacramento

Case Study: A Capital City’s Approach to Unsheltered Community

Speakers: Emilio Camacho, Senior Deputy City Attorney, Sacramento
Aaron M. Israel, Senior Deputy City Attorney, Sacramento
Beau Parkhurst, Senior Deputy City Attorney, Sacramento

4:15 - 4:30 p.m.

BREAK

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Legal Issues Session

Moderator: Joseph Montes, City Attorney, Alhambra, San Marino, and Santa Clarita, Burke, Williams & Sorensen

Labor and Employment Litigation Update

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

CalPERS Legal Update, Emerging Issues, and Common Compliance Problems

Speakers: Steve M. Berliner, Partner, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
Michael D. Youril, Partner, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore

7:00 p.m.

Regional Division and Caucus Events

Friday—Sept. 22

7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Registration Open

8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Legal Issues Session

Moderator: Michael Colantuono, City Attorney, Grass Valley, Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley

Municipal Tort and Civil Rights Litigation Update

Speakers: Jeremiah Johnson, Partner, ColeHuber
Neil Okazaki, Senior Deputy City Attorney / Constitutional Policing Advisor, Corona

Pay to Play No More? Levine Act (SB 1439)

Speakers: Robert Fabela, City Attorney, Anaheim
Amanda B. Freeman, Senior Deputy City Attorney, Fresno
Rebecca L. Moon, Senior Assistant City Attorney, Sunnyvale

8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

General Assembly

10:00 – 10:15 a.m.

BREAK

10:15 – 11:30 a.m.

Legal Issues Session (Specialty MCLE)

Moderator: Joseph Montes, City Attorney, Alhambra, San Marino, and Santa Clarita, Burke, Williams & Sorensen

(MCLE Specialty Credit for Legal Ethics)

Practicing Ethics

Speaker: Valerie Silverman Massey, Chief Deputy City Attorney, Chief Ethics & Compliance Officer, San Diego

5 min.

Closing Remarks / Evaluations / Adjourn

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Closing General Session
(Whole Conference; No City Attorneys Programming)**



MCLE Credit – 9.5 Hours

The League of California Cities¹ is a Multiple Activity Provider for California State Bar approved minimum continuing legal education (MCLE) and certifies this activity meets the standards for MCLE credit by the State Bar of California in the total amount of **9.5 hours**, including **1 hour of Legal Ethics** and **.5 hours of Technology in the Practice of Law sub-field credits**.

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