

2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

City Attorneys Programming MCLE Sessions

Wednesday, Oct. 16 - Friday, Oct. 18
Long Beach Convention Center – Long Beach, CA

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

Wednesday, Oct. 16

3:30-5:00 p.m. Legal Issues Session, Room 104 BC

1.5 hours General MCLE credit available

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

Welcoming Remarks

Speaker: Dawn McIntosh, City Attorney, Long Beach

General Municipal Litigation Update

This session will provide an update on litigation in federal and state courts, as it pertains to California cities.

Speaker: Mark J. Austin, Partner, Burke Williams & Sorensen
Matthew Slentz, Senior Counsel, Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley

Hate-Bombing and Poetry Recitations: Handling Disruptive Public Comment

Using real-life examples, this session will discuss the law as it applies to public comment and offer practical suggestions for managing disruptive public comment.

Speakers: Amy Ackerman, Partner, Renne Public Law Group
Eli Beckman, Mayor, Corte Madera
Jonathan V. Holtzman, Founding Partner, Renne Public Law Group

Thursday, Oct. 17

8:15-9:45 a.m. Legal Issues Session, Room 104 BC

1.5 hours General MCLE credit available

Land Use and CEQA Litigation

This session will provide an update on litigation related to land use, and the California Environmental Quality Act.

Speakers: Christie Crowl, Partner, Jarvis Fay
John Luebberke, Of Counsel, Herum Crabtree Suntag

Development Agreements - All You Need To Know For Successful Development

This session will cover the elements of development agreements required by state law, the approval process, vested development rights, types of projects, best practices, current trends, and tools to achieve community benefits.

Speaker: Gabrielle Janssens, Goldfarb & Lipman LLP
Karen Tiedemann, Goldfarb & Lipman LLP

1:00-2:30 p.m. Legal Issues Session, Room 104 BC

.75 hours General MCLE credit available

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

The Builder's Remedy: Fear and Trembling and Local Control

In this session, panelists will discuss the basis for the builder's remedy, examples and case studies of proposed projects, updates on recent cases and state legislation, and potential defenses and strategies.

Speakers: Susan Cola, Assistant City Attorney, Santa Monica
Barbara Kautz, Partner, Goldfarb & Lipman LLP
Dave Rand, Founding Partner, Rand Paster & Nelson LLP

City Attorneys Department Business Meeting**2:45-3:45 p.m. Legal Issues Session, Room 104 BC**

1 hour of Civility sub-field MCLE credit available

Moderator: J. Christine Dietrick, Director, City Attorneys Department, City Attorney, San Luis Obispo

Improving Civility

This session will showcase a discussion on improving civility, courtesy, integrity, and professionalism in the practice of law and the judicial process.

Speaker: Honorable Wendy Chang, Judge, Los Angeles Superior Court, Member, California Civility Task Force
Honorable Mary H. Strobel (Retired), Signature Resolution

4:00-5:30 p.m. Legal Issues Session, Room 104 BC

1.5 hours of General MCLE credit available

Labor and Employment Litigation

This session will provide an update on labor and employment litigation, as it pertains to California cities.

Speakers: Elizabeth Tom Arce, Partner, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
Jennifer Rosner, Partner, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore

Homeless Enforcement in Light of Boise, Grants Pass, and Supreme Court Review!

This session will focus on the impacts and practical methods of addressing, homeless issues following the decisions in the Boise and Grants Pass cases.

Speaker: Curtis Wright, Managing Partner, Serviam by Wright LLP

Friday, Oct. 18

8:15-9:45 a.m. Legal Issues Session, Room 104 BC

1.5 hours of General MCLE credit available

Moderator: Prasanna W. Rasiah, Second Vice President, City Attorneys Department, City Attorney, San Mateo

Municipal Tort and Civil Rights Litigation

This session will provide an update on municipal tort and civil rights litigation, as it pertains to California cities.

Speaker: Sean D. Richmond, Senior Deputy City Attorney, Sacramento

A Comprehensive Update on the Evolving Landscape of Tenant Protections

This session will provide an overview of tenant protection laws and policies, including rent stabilization and just cause for eviction, relocation assistance, anti-harassment and anti-retaliation, and limitations on tenant screening practices.

Speakers: Nazanin Salehi, Associate Attorney, Goldfarb & Lipman LLP
Thomas Webber, Partner, Goldfarb & Lipman LLP

10:00-10:45 a.m. Legal Issues Session, Room 104 BC

.75 hours of General MCLE credit available

Moderator: Roxanne Diaz, Second Vice President, City Attorneys Department, City Attorney, Maywood and South Pasadena, Richards, Watson & Gershon

Surplus Land Act (Part 2)

This session will provide an overview of recent changes to Surplus Land Act, and updates to the HCD Surplus Lands Act Guidelines.

Speakers: Jena S. Acos, City Attorney, Carpinteria, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
Sydney Rennie, Associate Attorney, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP