City Attorneys Spring CONFERENCE

May 4 - 6, 2022
The Westin Carlsbad
Carlsbad, CA

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

10:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. REGISTRATION OPEN
Grand Pacific Foyer

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. GENERAL SESSION
Grand Pacific Ballroom
Moderator: Dave Fleishman, City Attorney, Pismo Beach and Solvang, Richards, Watson & Gershon

Welcoming Remarks
Speaker: Celia Brewer, City Attorney, Carlsbad

Municipal Tort and Civil Rights Litigation Update
Speaker: Timothy T. Coates, Partner, Greines, Martin, Stein & Richland

Police Reform: Legal Challenges and Solutions
Speakers: Jonathan Holtzman, Founding Partner, Renne Public Law Group
Jenica Maldonado, Partner, Renne Public Law Group
Yuval Miller, Arbitrator/Mediator, Law Offices of Yuval Miller

3:00 - 3:15 p.m. BREAK
WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

3:15 – 5:00 p.m. GENERAL SESSION
Grand Pacific Ballroom
Moderator: Michael Colantuono, City Attorney, Grass Valley, Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley

The Tension Between the Right to Privacy and Police Technology
Speakers: James E. "Jeb" Brown, Senior Counsel, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
Neil Okazaki, Assistant City Attorney, Riverside

Peace Officer Personnel Records and the California Public Records Act
Speaker: Geoffrey Sheldon, Partner, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. New Lawyers Meet and Greet (Fewer than 10 years of municipal law practice)
Grand Pacific Ballroom
Meet colleagues, learn about the City Attorneys Department, share ideas about municipal law, and engage with the Attorney Development and Succession Committee.

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. LEGOLAND BLOCK PARTY
Legoland
Enjoy hors d’oeuvres and no host beverages inside Legoland at Miniland USA. Note: attendees will not have full access to the park.

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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.
THURSDAY, MAY 5

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  REGISTRATION OPEN
Grand Pacific Foyer

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.  BREAKFAST
Sunset Ballroom

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.  GENERAL SESSION
Grand Pacific Ballroom
Moderator: Eric Danly, City Attorney, Petaluma

**Staffing a Public Meeting: From War Stories to Your Story**
Speakers: Joseph (Seph) Petta, Partner, Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger
Derek Cole, Partner, Cole Huber
Daniel Sodergren, City Attorney, Pleasanton
Jennifer Mizrahi, City Attorney, Desert Hot Springs, Stream Kim
Hicks Wragge & Alfaro
Attorney Development and Succession Committee

**Practical Tips When Partnering with Outside Investigators**
Speakers: Eli Makus, Managing Partner, Van Dermyden Makus
Christina “Tina” Ro-Connolly, Partner, Oppenheimer Investigations Group
Vida Thomas, Partner, Oppenheimer Investigations Group

10:30 – 10:45 a.m.  BREAK

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.  GENERAL SESSION
Grand Pacific Ballroom
Moderator: Joseph Montes, City Attorney, Alhambra, San Marino, and Santa Clarita, Burke, Williams & Sorensen

**Labor and Employment Litigation Update**
Speaker: Geoffrey S. Sheldon, Partner, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore

**Frequent FLSA Liability Risks in Public Agencies**
Speaker: Brian Walter, Partner, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.  NETWORKING LUNCHEON
Sunset Ballroom

1:45 – 3:30 p.m.  GENERAL SESSION
Grand Pacific Ballroom
Moderator: Dave Fleishman, City Attorney, Pismo Beach and Solvang, Richards, Watson & Gershon

**Department Business Meeting and Colleague Recognition**
- President’s Report – Dave Fleishman
- Director’s Report – Michael Colantuono
- Colleague Recognition – Department Officers
THURSDAY, MAY 5

(Cont.) 1:45 – 3:30 p.m. Public Contracting: Purchasing Requirements and Renewable Energy/ Energy Efficient Projects
Speakers: Andrew Jared, Senior Counsel, Colantuono Highsmith & Whatley
          Ephraim Margolin, Associate Attorney, Colantuono
          Highsmith & Whatley

FPPC Committee Update on Providing Conflict of Interest Advice
Speakers: Teresa Stricker, City Attorney, San Pablo
          Rebecca Moon, Senior Assistant Attorney, Sunnyvale

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          Richards, Watson & Gershon

New Housing Laws: Navigating & Implementing SB 8, 9, 10
Speakers: Claire Lai, Of Counsel, Meyers Nave
          Alex Mog, Of Counsel, Meyers Nave
          Scott Porter, Assistant City Attorney, Whittier and Encinitas,
          Deputy City Attorney, Fullerton, Jones & Mayer

5:00 – 6:00 P.M. CONCURRENT GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Town Hall
Carlsbad A
Moderator: Eric Casher, City Attorney, Pinole, Principal, Meyers Nave

Coastal Cities
Cardiff
Moderator: Cindie McMahon, Assistant City Attorney, Carlsbad

Homelessness
Grand Pacific Ballroom
Moderator: Andrew Jared, Senior Counsel, Colantuono Highsmith &
          Whatley

Solo and Small City Attorney Offices
Encinitas
Moderator: Heather Stroud, City Attorney, South Lake Tahoe
FRIDAY, MAY 6

7:00 – 7:45 a.m.  FUN RUN
Sponsored by Best Best & Krieger
The Westin Lobby

7:45 – 9:00 a.m.  BREAKFAST
Sunset Ballroom

7:45 – 10:30 a.m.  REGISTRATION
Grand Pacific Foyer

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Land Use and CEQA Litigation Update
Speaker: William Ihrke, City Attorney, La Quinta, Cerritos, Partner, Rutan & Tucker

The Mitigation Fee Act's Five-Year Findings Requirement: Beware Costly Pitfalls
Speakers: Glen Hansen, Senior Counsel, Abbott & Kindermann
Rick Jarvis, Managing Partner, Jarvis, Fay & Gibson

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General Municipal Litigation Update
Speaker: Pamela K. Graham, Senior Counsel, Colantuono Highsmith & Whatley
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Update on Counsel & Council Publication - A Focus on Ethics
Speaker: Valerie Armento, Chair, Ad Hoc Counsel and Council Committee, Interim City Attorney/General Counsel, East Palo Alto/Santa Clara County Habitat Agency
Glen Googins, City Attorney, Chula Vista
Inder Khalsa, City Attorney, Davis, Mill Valley, Richards, Watson & Gershon
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Rules of Professional Conduct for City Attorneys
Speaker: Heather Linn Rosing, Shareholder and CEO, Klinedinst

Closing Remarks / Evaluations / Adjourn