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City Attorneys Spring **CONFERENCE**



May 4 - 6, 2022

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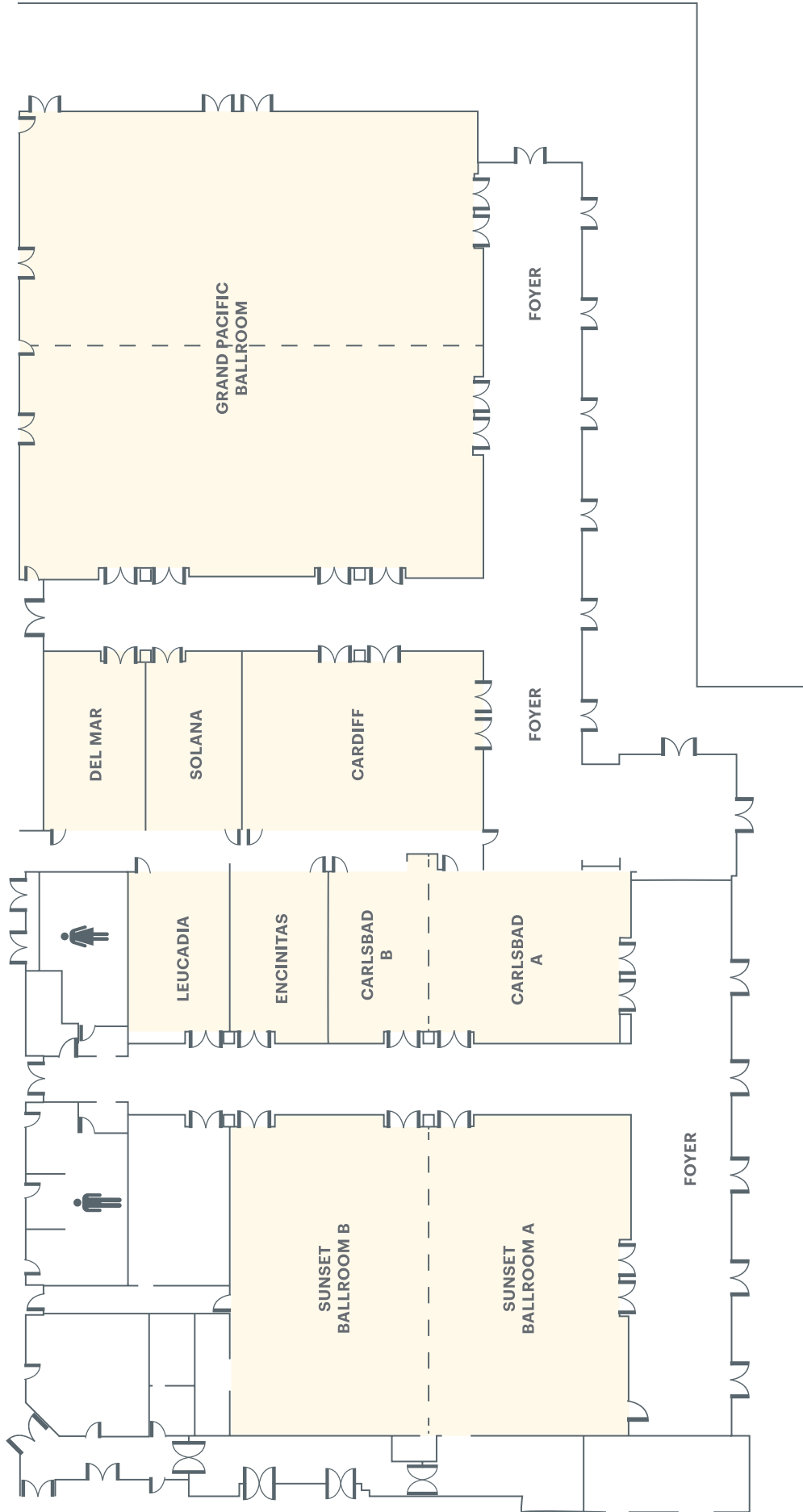
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CONFERENCE CENTER





2022 CITY ATTORNEYS SPRING CONFERENCE

Wednesday, May 4 – Friday, May 6

Westin Carlsbad

2021-2022 City Attorneys Department Officers

President

Dave Fleishman, City Attorney, Pismo Beach and Solvang, Richards, Watson & Gershon

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Eric Danly, City Attorney, Petaluma

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

Department Director

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

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 Wrage & 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

3:30 - 3:45 p.m.

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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

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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

9:00 – 10:15 a.m.

GENERAL SESSION

Grand Pacific Ballroom

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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

10:15 - 10:30 a.m.

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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



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