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May 17-19, 2023 ◆ Monterey, CA

City Attorneys Spring **CONFERENCE**

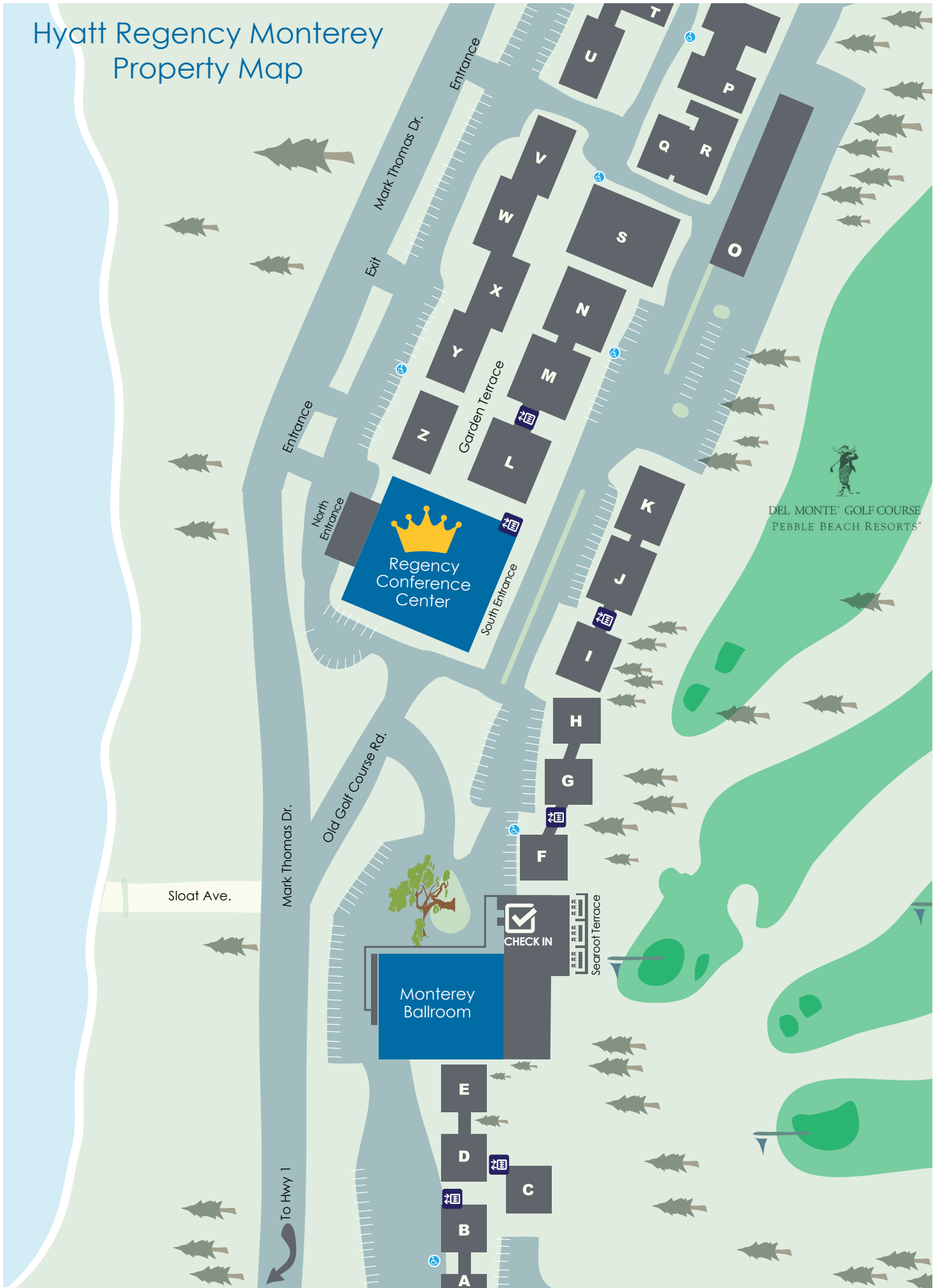
Hyatt Regency Monterey

Find session materials online at www.calcities.org/SpringConference

Wifi Network: Hyatt_meeting

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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

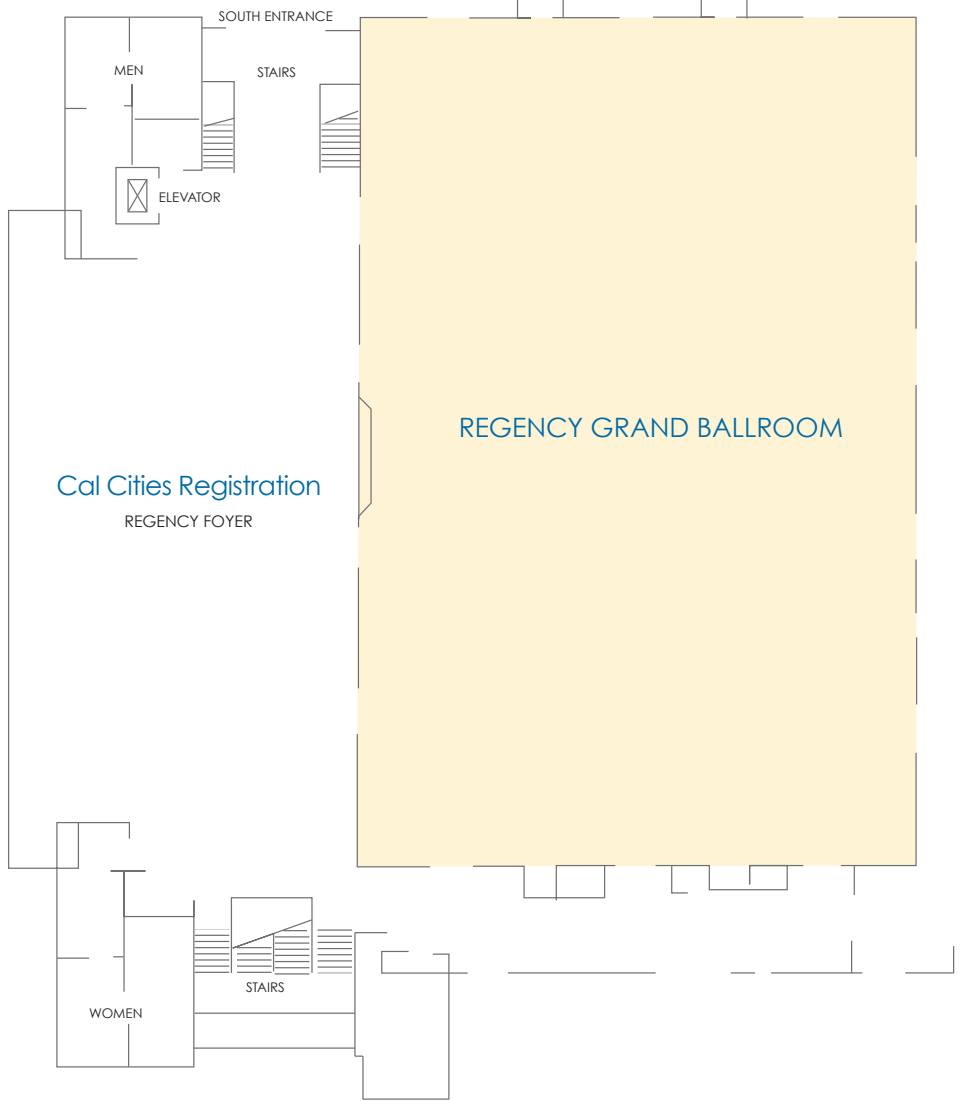
Monterey Ballroom

CHECK IN

Searoof Terrace

Regency Conference Center

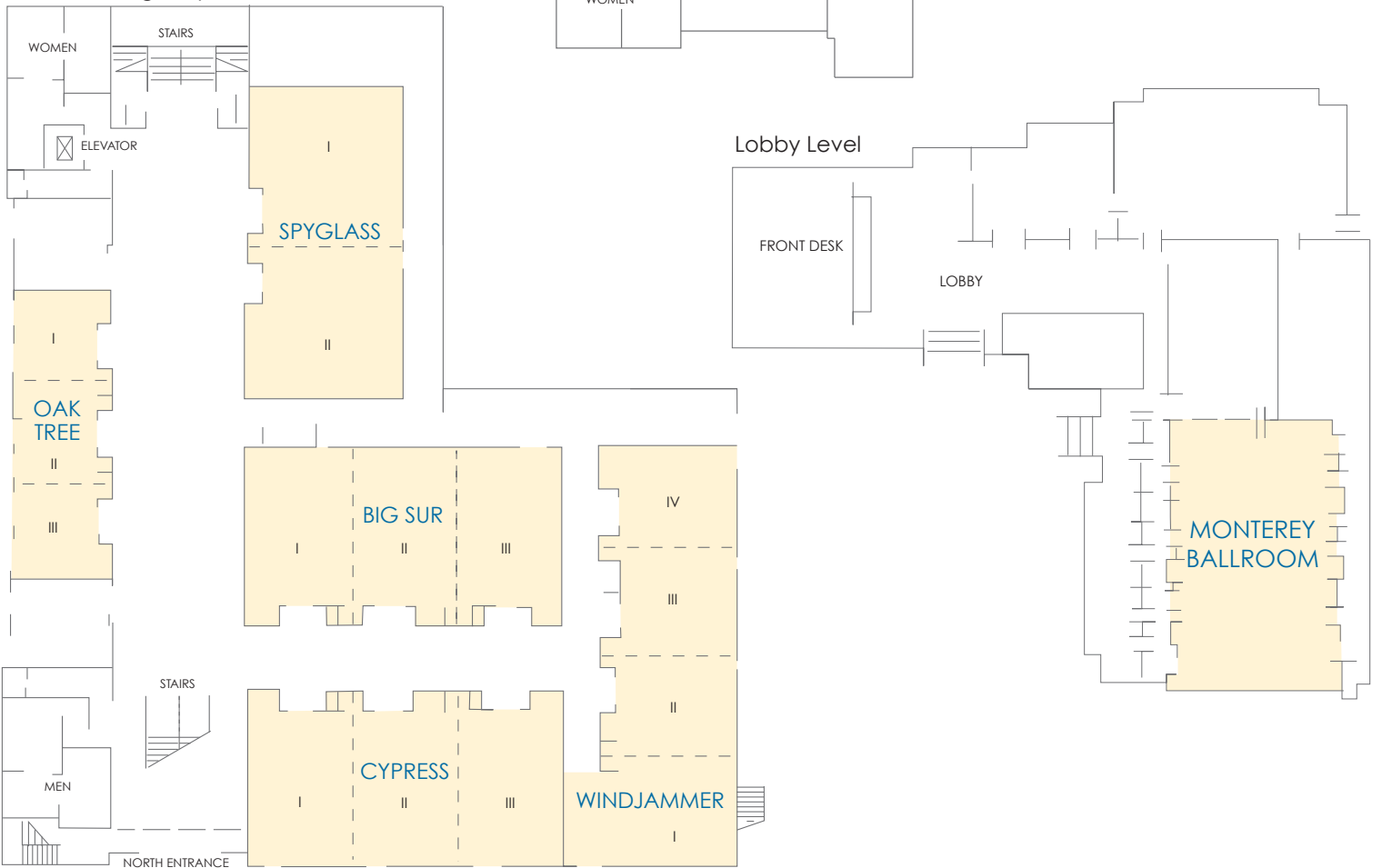
Second Floor, Regency Conference Center



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

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

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

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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 Masey, 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.

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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

GENERAL SESSION

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(MCLE Specialty Credit for Competence Issues)

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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