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Speaker names will be added as they are confirmed

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Wednesday, May 8

10:00-6:00 p.m.

Registration Open

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Opening General Session

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

Welcome Remarks

Land Use and CEQA Litigation Update

Speakers: Christine Leigh Crowl, Senior Partner, Jarvis Fay, LLP
John M Luebberke, Of Counsel, Herum/Crabtree/Suntag

Introduction to New Surplus Land Act

Speakers: Jena S Acos, Attorney, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck LLP

Sydne Rennie, Associate Attorney, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP

(Not) Burning Down the House

Speakers: Rubin E. Cruse, Jr., Of Counsel, Renne Public Law Group
Jonathan Holtzman, Founding Partner, Renne Public Law Group
Kathryn Oehlschlager, Partner, Downey Brand

3:15-4:45 p.m.

General Session

Moderator: Susana Alacala Wood, First Vice President, City Attorneys Department, City Attorney, Sacramento

Mass Casualty Events: What Nobody Taught You and You Didn't Want to Learn

Speakers: Catherine Engberg, City Attorney, Half Moon Bay, Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger LLP

Karl H. Berger, Partner, Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP

Vanessa Bechtel, President & CEO, Ventura County Community Foundation

Ascending the Organizational Chart - How to Get and Keep the Public Agency Job You Want

Speakers: Christina Burrows, Assistant City Attorney, Culver City
Valerie Gaeta Phillips, President & Owner, Bob Murray & Associates
Scott C. Smith, Partner, Best Best & Krieger LLP

5:00-6:00 p.m.

New Lawyers Meet and Greet (Under 10 years of municipal law practice)
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

Make new friends and see old ones while enjoying delicious appetizers and tasty beverages during the evening networking reception. No host beverages.

Thursday, May 9

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Registration Open

8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

Networking Breakfast

8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Concurrent Group Discussions

Coastal Cities

Moderator: Cindie K. McMahon, City Attorney, Carlsbad

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Town Hall

Moderator: Michael Lawson, City Attorney, Hayward

Homelessness and the Unsheltered

Moderator: Andrew Jared, Senior Counsel, Colantuono Highsmith & Whatley

Law Office Administration

Moderator: Phaedra Norton, City Attorney, Riverside

Solo and Small City Attorney Offices

Moderator: Heather Leyn Stroud, City Attorney, City of South Lake Tahoe

9:45 – 11:15 a.m.

General Session

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

The CBRT and Other Hot Topics in Municipal Revenues

Speakers: Michael G. Colantuono, Managing Shareholder, Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC

Margaret Prinzing, Partner, Olson Remcho

Ethics Complaints against a Councilmember

Speakers: Steven Miller, Partner , Hanson Bridgett
Segmentation, Participation and Lots of Complications
Speakers: Kevin Ennis, City Attorney, City of Moorpark

11:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.

General Session

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

Municipal Tort and Civil Rights Litigation Update

Speakers: Neil Okazaki, Senior Deputy City Attorney and Constitutional Policing Advisor , Corona
Alana Rotter, Appellate Lawyer, Greines, Martin, Stein & Richland LLP

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Networking Lunch

1:45 – 3:15 p.m.

General Session

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

Department Business Meeting and Colleague Recognition

Update on Open & Public Publication – A Focus on the Brown Act
Speakers: Sujata Reuter, Chief Assistant City Attorney, Santa Clara
Javan Rad, Chief Assistant City Attorney, Pasadena

3:30 – 5:15 p.m.

General Session

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

Executive Director Remarks

Carolyn Coleman, Executive Director and CEO, League of California Cities

Section 1983 Liability: Best Practices for Cities to Manage and Mitigate Risk in a Changing World

Speakers: Kevin Bibler, Senior Vice President, Alliant Insurance Services, Inc.

Michael W. Pott, Chief Operating Officer/Chief Legal Counsel Public Risk Innovation Solutions and Management ("PRISM")

Karen Rogan, Assistant City Attorney, Chula Vista

Labor and Employment Litigation Update

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

Friday, May 10

7:00-7:45 a.m.

Fun Run

8:00-9:00 a.m.

Networking Breakfast

8:00-10:30 a.m.

Registration Open

9:00-10:30 a.m.

General Session

Moderator: Susana Alcala Wood, First Vice President, City Attorneys Department, City Attorney, City of Sacramento

General Municipal Litigation Update

Speakers: Mark J. Austin, Partner, Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP
Meghan A Wharton, Senior Counsel, Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC

Balancing Acts: Constitutional Rights v. Meeting Decorum in California Cities

Speaker: David Mehretu, Principal, Meyers Nave

10:45 a.m.-noon

General Session

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

Are you smarter than an AI?

Speaker: Marc Zafferano, Senior Counsel, Boucher Law