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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**

**Speaker:** Steven B. Quintanilla, President/Owner, Law Offices of Quintanilla & Associates, City Attorney/City Prosecutor, Rancho Mirage

**Land Use and CEQA Litigation Update**

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

**Introduction to the 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:** Vanessa Bechtel, President & CEO, Ventura County Community Foundation  
Karl H. Berger, Partner, Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP  
Catherine Engberg, City Attorney, Half Moon Bay, Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger LLP

### **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. Drinks available for purchase.

## **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:** J. 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 Council Member**

**Speakers:** Steven Miller, Partner, Hanson Bridgett

**Segmentation, Participation and Lots of Complications**

**Speakers:** Kevin G. 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 Luncheon**

**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**

- President's Report
- Report on Enhancing Participation and Inclusion
- Department Bylaws Amendments
- Director's Report
- 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 W. Rasiah, Second Vice President, City Attorneys Department, City Attorney, San Mateo

**Executive Director Remarks**

**Speaker:** 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** sponsored by Best Best & Krieger LLP

**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 W. Rasiah, Second Vice President, City Attorneys Department, City Attorney, San Mateo

**Are you smarter than an AI?** (MCLE Specialty Credit for Technology in the Practice of Law)

**Speaker:** Marc Zafferano, Senior Counsel, Boucher Law