



AGENDA

Thursday, June 22

Day one is approximately 6 CLE credits

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Registration & Breakfast**

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. **Welcome and Announcements**

Waters A & B

Matt Greller, Chief Executive Officer, Aim

Beth McFadin Higgins, IMLA President and Attorney,
Mount Vernon

Becca McCuaig, Chief Legal Counsel, Aim

9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **IMLA Annual Meeting**

Waters A & B

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **State Legislative Update**

Waters A & B

Hear a comprehensive update from the 2023 legislative session that will provide insight to the bills that passed impacting local government.

Speakers:

Ryan Hoff, Director of Governmental Affairs and
General Counsel, Association of Indiana Counties
Becca McCuaig, Chief Legal Counsel, Aim
Campbell Ricci, Policy Director, Aim

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Municipal Case Law Update (State)**

Waters A & B

This session will discuss this past year's most relevant Indiana cases as they impact the practice of municipal law. Become familiar with litigation from around the state and how it might affect your local government employers or clients.

Speaker:

Mark Crandley, Partner, Barnes & Thornburg LLP

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Luncheon**

Waters C

Longevity Awards Presentation for 2023

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Ethics and Professional Responsibility**

Waters A & B

This session will provide the opportunity to learn about the application of professional conduct rules to local government lawyers. The presentation will identify key professional conduct rules, spot conduct that may raise ethical issues, and discuss best practices for attorneys representing local governments.

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PC

Speaker:

Karen Arland, Attorney, Kennedy Downs & Arland PC

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions**

Employment Law

Waters A & B

This session will provide guidance to assist local government attorneys to navigate complex labor and employment laws and regulations.

Speaker:

Terry Dawson, Partner, Barnes & Thornburg LLP

Utilities

Ditslear Ballroom

Utilities provide foundational support for municipalities, and you need to stay current to effectively represent your municipal utility clients. Come hear the latest updates on state legislative action and case law affecting municipal utilities. The presentation will also dive into the latest on IURC issues affecting municipal utilities, upcoming regulations, and more.

Speaker:

David McGimpsey, Partner, Dentons Bingham
Greenebaum LLP

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Dessert Break**

Waters Pre-Function

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions**

Filling the Financial Gap – A Primer on State Economic Development Incentives for Municipal Projects

Waters A & B

This session will present an overview of the more common state economic development incentives offered through the Indiana Economic Development Corporation and other state agencies and include exploring how to effectively use these state incentives to fill gaps for economic development projects and how attorneys can assist with those agreements and contracts.

Speakers:

Michael Flint, Practice Group Specialist, Ice Miller LLP

Sebastian Smelko, Partner, Ice Miller LLP

ESG Considerations for Bond Issuers and Beyond

Ditslear Ballroom

There has been much discussion about ESG and green, social or sustainable bond designations over the last few years. Additionally, issuers are being asked more questions from rating agencies and the investment community about ESG-related disclosure. Learn about required and voluntary disclosure and bond designation considerations. Presenters will also provide a high-level discussion about what ESG is, how it affects municipalities, recent media focus and why it is expected to continue to be important. Also, learn from an underwriter about an underwriter's perspective on ESG, including highlights from a recent transaction completed by the City of Chicago, including ways the City measured benefits of the social bond designation.

Speakers:

Elizabeth Coolidge, Managing Director, Head of the Midwest Region of UBS

Susan Reed, Director of Disclosure Strategy and Services, Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions**

Redevelopment Commission Matters –

TIF: The Legal Basics and Beyond

Waters A & B

Need a quick refresher on how to create, amend or dissolve a TIF area? Do you represent a community with a housing shortage? Interested in legislative changes to the TIF statutes from 2023? This workshop will cover the basic TIF rules from the legal perspective, changes made in the 2023 legislative session and then move to more advanced TIF legal topics such as residential TIF (multi-family and single-family), forgivable loans and build-operate-transfer (BOT) incentive structures. A question-and-answer period will be provided to address specific TIF and/or tax abatement incentive questions.”

Speakers:

Sarah Correll, Associate, Ice Miller LLP

Lisa Lee, Partner, Ice Miller LLP

Cyber Security

Ditslear Ballroom

Obtaining and understanding Commercial Cyber Insurance has become increasingly more difficult over the past several years. During the presentation, MJ Insurance will provide insight and guidance into the

complexities of obtaining and understanding Commercial Cyber Insurance. The experts will explore why insurance carriers are asking these questions, help breakdown some of the nuances of the questions, discuss importance of internal collaboration with your IT team/partners, and discuss some of the emerging topics coming soon. This session will also cover legal reporting requirements and the latest on the work of the Indiana Executive Council for Cybersecurity. More information on this work can be found on <https://www.in.gov/cybersecurity/executive-council/>.

Speakers:

Carol Scully, Strategic Risk Management Director, MJ Insurance Company

Doug Swetnam, Data Privacy Section Chief, Indiana Attorney General's Office

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Friday, June 23

Day two is approximately 3 CLE credits

7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. **Breakfast**

8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **Registration, Welcome, and Announcements**

Waters A & B

Beth McFadin Higgins, IMLA President and Attorney, Mount Vernon

Becca McCuaig, Chief Legal Counsel, Aim

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Keynote Speaker –**

Supreme Court Justice Derek R. Molter

Waters A & B

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **US Supreme Court Update**

Waters A & B

An overview of the relevant federal rulings from the past year affecting local governments including a deeper dive into the cases that you need to know about most.

Speaker:

Donald Morgan, Senior Counsel, Taft Law

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Concurrent Sessions**

Public Purchasing and Public Works

Waters A & B

All funds are not created equal. Spending public dollars comes with (many) strings attached. Make sure you're helping your clients avoid these common public purchasing mistakes.

Speaker:

Kendra Leatherman, General Counsel, State Board of Accounts, State of Indiana

Cleaning up Communities – Municipal Brownfields

Ditslear Ballroom

Municipal lawyers for cities and towns of all sizes should understand the full scope of the available funding options for assessing and remediating brownfields sites. Through a combination of state and federal grants, Indiana municipalities have multiple resources and available funding options to resolve potential contamination on these sites, paving the way for redevelopment. For those sites that are contaminated, Indiana offers a uniquely favorable landscape for cost

recovery through state law and broad interpretations of insurer duties to fund clean ups under standard liability insurance policies. This presentation will include up to date information on all these options, providing municipal lawyers with an invaluable toolkit for addressing problem sites within their jurisdictions.

Speakers:

Julie Crewe-Schilling, Environmental Services Group
Leader, V3 Companies

Todd Relue, Partner, Plews Shadley Racher & Braun LLP

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. **Coffee Break**

Waters Pre-Function

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions**

Unsafe Buildings

Waters A & B

Municipal attorneys are immersed in the many challenges that come with trying to create and maintain safe, clean communities. This workshop is a must for attendees who regularly find themselves engaged in code enforcement matters and are unsure whether to navigate an issue under the public nuisance or unsafe buildings laws. This presentation will be a comprehensive overview of the unsafe building world and will include a presentation on when warrantless searches are allowed versus when an administrative inspection warrant is needed.

Speakers:

Beth Copeland, Of Counsel, Taft Law

Ashley Ulbricht, Of Counsel, Taft Law

Access to Public Records and Records Retention

Ditslear Ballroom

Indiana's Access to Public Records Act (APRA) provides Hoosiers an opportunity to learn about the inner workings of state and local government. But the "inner workings" of managing and keeping track of APRA requests can prove challenging for staff, and the process can be cumbersome for the public too. This presentation will showcase a new tool developed by the Indiana Office of Technology: the APRA Portal. In addition, the speaker will discuss the legal and practical considerations involved in developing this user-friendly public interface and easy-to-operate process for staff, and demonstrate the Portal in action.

Speaker:

Michael Nossett, Deputy General Counsel, Office of the Governor, State of Indiana