

MUNICIPAL LAW SEMINAR XLII

June 26-27, 2025 | Embassy Suites by Hilton Noblesville

AGENDA

Thursday, June 26

Day one is approximately 7 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

Mayor Chris Jensen, Noblesville

Shane Gibson, IMLA President and Attorney, New Albany

Heather James, Partner, Ice Miller LLP

Becca McCuaig, Chief Legal Counsel, Aim

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

– *Municipal Excellence Award Given*

– *Amicus Update*

Karen Arland, Partner, Kennedy, Downs & Arland, PC

Paul Harold, Partner, South Bank Legal

Tiernan Kane, Partner, South Bank Legal

Waters A & B

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

Waters A & B

The 2025 legislative session was a long budget session and there were many bills that impact local government. This session will cover a majority of changes local government attorneys will need to share with their clients.

Speakers:

Ryan Hoff, Director of Governmental Affairs and General Counsel, Association of Indiana Counties

Amy Krieg, Government Affairs Director, Aim

Becca McCuaig, Chief Legal Counsel, Aim

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

Waters A & B

This session will summarize the most relevant Indiana cases from the past year and the impact of 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 with Tabletop Discussions

Waters C

Following our successful launch in 2024, lunch tables will again be labeled with discussion topics. Attendees will pick a table on site for the topic you would like to discuss. The topics and leaders of the discussions are included below:

Topic	Leader
AI in the Workplace	Brandon Beeler
Amicus Coordination	Tiernan Kane

ATC – DORAs and Riverfronts	Chris Bandy
County Matters – Interlocal Agreements	Connor Sullivan & Adam Willfond
Economic Development & Cannabis	Justin Swanson
Event Center and Economic Development	Chris Greisl
Environmental Matters	Chou-il Lee
Homeless Initiatives	Margie Rice
Opioid Spending	Cory Voight
Ordinance Voting Procedures	Karen Arland
Public Access	Shane Gibson
Public Defender Contracts	Samantha Dewester
Public Records	Malak Heiny
Real Estate Sale Procedures	Lindsey Bennett
Redevelopment	Lisa A. Lee & Sarah Correll
Talent Retention	Aaron Culp
Wind and Solar Development	Beth McFadin Higgins

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Ethics and Professional Responsibility**
Waters A & B

Attendees will about learn the application of professional conduct rules to local government lawyers. The presentation will identify key professional conduct rules and ethical considerations, including examples.

Speakers:

Luke Britt, Public Information Officer and Legal Counsel,
Marion County Superior Courts

Dan Shackle, Counsel, Frost Brown Todd

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

Environmental Matters

Waters A & B

Municipal attorneys are immersed in the many challenges that come with trying to create and maintain safe and clean communities. This session will cover everything from EPA lead and copper requirements, shifts in the federal government regulations to PFAS, and ways to proactively assist your local government clients.

Speaker:

Chou-il Lee, Partner, Taft Law

Public Purchasing

Waters D & E

This session will provide a comprehensive overview of the legal framework, best practices, and recent developments in purchasing. The presenter will emphasize transparency, accountability, and compliance to help you assist your clients in drafting the best policies for bidding, special purchasing, supplies, and more.

Speakers:

Jonathan Hughes, Partner, Bose McKinney & Evans LLP

Steve Unger, Partner, Bose McKinney & Evans LLP

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

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 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, including recent court decisions.

Speaker:
Terry Dawson, Partner, Barnes & Thornburg LLP

Utilities
Waters D & E

Utilities provide foundational support for municipalities, and it is critical to be aware of the most recent state and federal changes impacting utilities to effectively represent your municipal utility clients. The presenter will provide updates on state legislative action and case law affecting municipal utilities and more.

Speaker:
Dave McGimpsey, Partner, Dentons Bingham Greenebaum LLP

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

Redevelopment Commission Matters
Waters A & B

The speakers will explore tools for redevelopment property acquisitions and advanced legal topics related to redevelopment. Attendees will also hear about the most recent trends in economic development projects, affordable housing, tax credits, and more.

Speakers:

Sarah Correll, Associate, Ice Miller LLP

Lisa A. Lee, Partner, Ice Miller LLP

Attorney General's Top Topics

Waters D & E

Several presenters will be on hand from the Office of the Attorney General and will cover various topics, including updates on any new opioid funding settlements, and approved uses of settlement dollars. The session will also cover problematic corporate landlords, dual office holding and coordination with State Board of Accounts.

Speakers:

Scott Barnhart, Attorney, Office of the Attorney General

Heather Crockett, Attorney, Office of the Attorney General

Chase Haller, Attorney, Office of the Attorney General

Ned Hannah, Attorney, Office of the Attorney General

Cory Voight, Attorney, Office of the Attorney General

AGENDA

Friday, June 27

Day two is approximately 3.5 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
Shane Gibson, IMLA President and Attorney, New Albany
Becca McCuaig, Chief Legal Counsel, Aim
Donald Morgan, Senior Counsel, Taft Law

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **US Supreme Court Update**
Waters A & B

Hear an overview of the relevant federal rulings from the past year affecting local governments, including a deeper dive into the cases most likely to impact your public sector clients.

Speaker:
Donald Morgan, Senior Counsel, Taft Law

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

Tax Update from the 2025 Legislative Session
Waters A & B

This session will assist local government attorneys in understanding the impact of Senate Enrolled Act 1 to local government clients and how to assist clients with their project plans over the next few years.

Speakers:
Heidi Amspaugh, Principal, Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors
Campbell Ricci, Policy & Financial Resources Director, Aim
Adam Steuerwald, Partner, Barnes & Thornburg LLP

City of Fishers' Project Development and New Rental Cap Ordinance

Waters D & E

Hear how the legal agreements and contracts for the Fishers event center and other projects can help you apply lessons learned for your municipal clients.

Speakers:

Lindsey Bennett, City Attorney, Fishers

Chris Greisl, Of Counsel, Barnes & Thornburg LLP

Kian Hudson, Partner, Barnes & Thornburg LLP

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Coffee Break

Waters Pre-Function

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

Public Access and Records Requests

Waters A & B

Help welcome the new public access counselor and her team while discussing some of the public access laws and recent opinions assisting your clients with transparency and timely responses.

Speaker:

Jennifer Ruby, Indiana Public Access Counselor

J. Sebastian Smelko, Partner, Ice Miller LLP

Legislative Collaboration and Bill Drafting

Waters D & E

Learn how legal counsel can assist clients in legislative collaboration and encourage positive proactive engagement.

Speakers:

Senator Rodney Pol Jr., Senate District 4

Representative Jennifer Meltzer, House District 73