

# AIM MUNICIPAL LAW SEMINAR

June 25-26, 2026 | Embassy Suites by Hilton Noblesville

## AGENDA

### Thursday, June 25

*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*

**Lindsey Bennett**, IMLA President and Attorney, Fishers  
**Sponsor Remarks**, Lisa A. Lee, Partner, Ice Miller LLP  
**Becca McCuaig**, Chief Legal Counsel, Aim

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

Municipal Excellence Award

*Amicus Update*

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

*Waters A & B*

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

*Waters A & B*

The 2026 legislative session was a short session but there were significant bills impacting local government. This session will cover a majority of changes local government attorneys will need to share with their clients.

**Speakers:**

**Jake German**, Partner, Indiana County Commissioners

**Becca McCuaig**, Chief Legal Counsel, Aim

**Campbell Ricci**, Policy and Financial Resources Director,  
Aim

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

*Waters A & B*

Knowing the most recent state municipal case law is crucial for municipal attorneys. 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*

Lunch tables will be labeled with discussion topics. You will pick your seat on site for the topic you would like to discuss. The topics and leaders of the discussions include:

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Leader</b>
AI in the workplace	Brandon Beeler
Amicus Coordination	Becca McCuaig
ATC- DORAs and Riverfronts	Chris Bandy
BOT	Susan Reed
Data Centers	Beth McFadin Higgins

Economic Development & Cannabis	Justin Swanson
Environmental Matters	Chou-il Lee
Fire and EMS relationships	Aaron Culp
Homeless Initiatives	Margie Rice
Housing Matters	Lindsey Bennett
Land Use	Greg Fifer
Ordinance Voting Procedures	Karen Arland
Public Access	Shane Gibson
Public Records	Malak Heiny
Redevelopment	Chris Greisl

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

*Waters A & B*

This session will provide a review of the rules of professional conduct for local government lawyers. The presentation will identify key professional conduct rules and ethical considerations and will fulfill the ethics CLE credit.

**Speakers:**

**Alyson Reed**, Associate, FBT Gibbons LLP

**Dan Shackle**, Partner, FBT Gibbons LLP

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

**Effective Meeting Training for Council and Boards**

*Waters A & B*

Municipal attorneys must make sure that the leadership of boards they represent know how to effectively run a meeting and keep the meeting on track when there are concerns. Meetings must also properly record votes taken. This session will provide real examples of how to

keep your meetings on track and make sure your clients don't end up internet stars.

**Speaker:**

**Chou-il Lee, Partner, Taft Law**

### **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.

**Speaker:**

**Dave McGimpsey, Partner, Dentons**

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*

During this session, attendees will receive guidance on labor and employment law, emphasizing recent case law and the relevance to local government.

**Speakers:**

**Terry Dawson, Partner, Barnes & Thornburg LLP**

**Richard Winegardner, Partner, Barnes & Thornburg LLP**

## **Land Use and Zoning**

*Waters D & E*

This session will provide a comprehensive overview of the legislative requirements under House Enrolled Act 1001 (HEA 1001). The presenters will give examples of how to meet outlined requirements and how to review your community's current standards.

### **Speakers:**

**Lindsey Bennett**, City Attorney, Fishers

**Jonathan Hughes**, Partner, Bose McKinney & Evans LLP

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

## **Redevelopment Commission Matters**

*Waters A & B*

Attendees will gain insights into tools for redevelopment property acquisitions and advanced legal topics related to redevelopment. The presentation will also address changes to the residential TIF timeline and updates to the residential infrastructure fund

### **Speakers:**

**Sarah Correll**, Associate, Ice Miller LLP

**Lisa Lee**, Partner, Ice Miller LLP

## **The Build Operate Transfer (BOT) Process, its Perceived Challenges and Legal Considerations**

*Waters D & E*

This panel discussion will provide an overview of the BOT statute and how it differs from other project delivery methods for governmental entities. The discussion will highlight some of the things that a local

counsel should consider when your client is participating in a BOT, such as: BOT Agreements, Payment Bond Performance Requirements, Allocation of Risks and Efficiencies, and What Constitutes Sufficient Notice to Authorize Projects. This panel will be interactive.

**Facilitator:**

**Susan Reed, JD**, Vice President of Public Private Partnerships, Meyer Najem Construction/Development

**Panelists:**

**Brian Falcon, JD**, Chief Strategic Officer, Meyer Najem Construction

**Jennifer Messer**, Executive Director and Legal Counsel, Central Indiana Regional Development Authority (CIRDA)

**Travis Tucker**, Executive Vice President, Meyer Najem Development

**AGENDA**

**Friday, June 26**

*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*

**Lindsey Bennett**, IMLA President and Attorney, Fishers

**Becca McCuaig**, Chief Legal Counsel, Aim

**Sponsor Remarks, 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 that you need to know about most and how the cases shape decisions going forward.

**Speaker:**

**Donald Morgan, Senior Counsel, Taft Law**

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

**Federal and State Tax Incentives Municipal Lawyers Should Know**

*Waters A & B*

This session will cover federal and state tax incentives with a specific focus on job creation.

**Speaker:**

**Shawn Peterson, Partner, Krieg DeVault LLP**

**Artificial Intelligence and How to Navigate: Building an AI Governance Program for Your Municipality**

*Waters D & E*

Artificial Intelligence is rapidly transforming local government services, decision-making, and community engagement. For municipal attorneys, understanding AI is no longer optional, but understanding alone is not enough. Municipalities must move beyond awareness toward action by developing AI governance programs that protect their communities, mitigate legal risk, and ensure responsible adoption. This presentation will provide a practical framework for navigating the AI

landscape, covering how AI is being deployed in municipal operations, the legal and ethical risks of ungoverned AI, core components of an effective governance program (including acceptable use policies, procurement standards, risk assessments, and accountability mechanisms), the evolving regulatory environment, and the unique role municipal attorneys play as governance leaders. Attendees will leave with actionable takeaways, including model policy language and strategies for building internal buy-in, giving them a concrete roadmap to harness AI's benefits while safeguarding against its risks.

**Speaker:**

**Zachary Heck**, Partner, Taft Law

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 in a Digital World**

*Waters A & B*

The workshop will cover public access laws and public record retention, focusing on digital record-keeping. Best practices for electronic and digital record-keeping, along with the associated legal requirements, will also be discussed.

**Speakers:**

**Amber Finley**, Corporation Counsel, Lawrence

## **LIT Update and Action Items for Municipal Attorneys**

### *Waters D & E*

The state's new LIT system, passed in 2025 and amended in 2026, introduced significant changes affecting local government operations and municipal governance in Indiana. This session will provide municipal attorneys with a clear, practical understanding of the new system, focusing on the statutory changes that impact city and town taxing structures and intergovernmental cooperation.

#### **Speakers:**

**Heidi Amspaugh**, Principal, Baker Tilly

**Jenna Bentley**, President, Bentley Strategies LLC

**Campbell Ricci**, Policy and Financial Resources Director,  
Aim