



AAMA/AMJA Fall Municipal Law Conference

September 25-27, 2025 | The Lodge at Gulf State Park, Gulf Shores, Alabama



Check in/registration begins at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 25. **Reception for all attendees from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. is at the Dunes Terrace, The Lodge at Gulf State Park.**

Thursday, September 25 Attorneys Track

1:00 – 1:30 p.m.	Alabama Open Records/Public Records <i>Rob Johnston, Director of Legal Services (Alabama League of Municipalities); Eddie Blair, Attorney (City of Huntsville)</i>
1:30 – 2:00 p.m.	The Ken Smith Alabama Caselaw Update <i>Mary Elizabeth Dial, Associate Counsel; Mikal Webb, Associate Counsel (Alabama League of Municipalities)</i>
2:00 – 2:30 p.m.	2025 Alabama Legislative Update <i>Kaleb Beck, Legislative Counsel (Alabama League of Municipalities)</i>
2:30 – 2:45 p.m.	BREAK
2:45 – 3:15 p.m.	Federal Update <i>Michael Berson, Attorney (Adams & Reese LLP)</i>
3:15 – 4:15 p.m.	Telecommunications Insights: Transactional & Regulatory Developments of Interest to Alabama Governments <i>Gerry Lederer, Attorney (Best, Best & Krieger LLP)</i>
4:15 – 5:15 p.m.	2025 Ethics Update <i>Roman Shaul, General Counsel (Alabama State Bar)</i>

Thursday, September 25 Judges/Prosecutors Track

1:00 – 1:30 p.m.	State of Municipal Courts in Alabama <i>K.C. Hairston, Judge (City of Mountain Brook)</i>
1:30 – 2:00 p.m.	Handling Discovery Requests <i>Stephen Shaw, Attorney (Wallace, Jordan, Ratliff & Brandt LLC)</i>
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.	State Forensic Update Related to Municipal Court Cases <i>Curt Harper, Chief Toxicologist (Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences)</i>
3:00 – 3:15 p.m.	BREAK
3:15 – 4:15 p.m.	Annual Update on Interlock Devices, Hardship Licenses, SR-22, CDL Masking <i>Pam Shepard, Assistant Driver License Director; Lynn Holmes, Driver License Specialist (Alabama Law Enforcement Agency)</i>
4:15 – 5:15 p.m.	State of the Unified Judicial System <i>Nathan Wilson, Administrative Director of Courts (Alabama Administrative Office of Courts)</i>



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Friday, September 26 Attorneys Track

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Supreme Court and Federal Trends Update <i>Amanda Karras, Executive Director/General Counsel (International Municipal Lawyers Association)</i>
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Current Topics in Personnel Management (panel discussion) Moderator: <i>Megan Zingarelli, Attorney (City of Madison)</i> Panelists: <i>Kelli Bracci (City of Madison); Byron Thomas (City of Huntsville); Hannah Noonan (City of Fairhope)</i>
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	BREAK
10:15 – 11:00 a.m.	Law Enforcement Hiring Procedures <i>Louis Zook (Safe Risk Loss Control Services LLC Contractors)</i>
11:00 – 11:45 p.m.	Best Practices in Dealing with Qualified Immunity <i>Gregory Burgess, Attorney (Lanier, Ford, Shaver & Payne P.C.)</i>
11:45–12:15 p.m.	Economic Development Toolbox <i>Patrick Dungan, Attorney (Adams & Reese LLP)</i>
12:15 – 12:30 p.m.	AAMA Business Meeting

Friday, September 26 Judges/Prosecutors Track

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Alabama's New Implied Consent Law and the Forensic Aspects of DUI <i>Patrick Mahaney, Attorney (Law Office of Patrick Mahaney)</i>
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Opinions Updates for Municipal Judges and Prosecutors <i>Steve Marshall, Attorney General (State of Alabama)</i>
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	BREAK
10:15 – 11:15 a.m.	Judicial Ethics: Appearance of Impropriety <i>Jacob Jackson, Attorney (Alabama Judicial Inquiry Commission)</i>
11:15 – 12:15 p.m.	Municipal Legal Updates from 2025 Regular Legislative Session <i>Erin Dunagan, Legal Director (Alabama Administrative Office of Courts)</i>
12:15 – 12:30 p.m.	AMJA Business Meeting



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Saturday, September 27 Attorneys Track

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.	Opinions Update for Municipal Attorneys <i>Wes Shaw, Chief Opinions Division (Alabama Attorney General's Office)</i>
8:30 – 9:15 a.m.	Overtime Pay and Fair Labor Standards Acts <i>Robbie Hyde, Attorney (Alexander Hyde, LLC)</i>
9:15 – 10:15 a.m.	Parliamentary Procedures <i>Mark Boardman, Attorney (Boardman, Carr, Petelos, Watkins, Ogle & Howard, P.C.)</i>
10:15 – 10:30 a.m.	BREAK
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Police Liability: Deliberate Indifference to Medical Care <i>John Wilkerson, General Counsel/Legislative Director (Arkansas Municipal League)</i>
11:30 – 12:15 p.m.	Municipal Issues Regarding Drones <i>Chad Tillman, Director, UAS Operations (Huntsville Police Department); Matt Sloane, Co-Founder (SkyfireAL)</i>

Saturday, September 27 Judges/Prosecutors Track

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Annual Update on Municipal Court Bail & Bond Cases <i>John Smith, Attorney; Michael Taunton, Attorney (Balch & Bingham LLP)</i>
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	ADA Compliance in Courthouses and Courtrooms <i>Jim Terry, Chief Executive Officer (Evan Terry Associates LLC)</i>
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	BREAK
10:15 – 11:15 a.m.	Parliamentary Procedures <i>Mark Boardman, Attorney (Boardman, Carr, Petelos, Watkins, Ogle & Howard, P.C.)</i>
11:15 – 12:15 p.m.	Lessons From the Bench <i>Brad Bishop, Judge (City of Hoover)</i>