

2024

Fall Municipal Law Conference

The Lodge at Gulf State Park, Gulf Shores, Alabama
October 24 - 26, 2024

Check in/registration begins at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 24.
Reception for all attendees from 6 - 7:30 p.m. is at the Dunes Terrace, The Lodge at Gulf State Park.

Thursday, October 24 Attorneys Track

1 - 1:45 p.m.	Nuisance Abatement <i>Joseph Abrams, Staff Attorney; Nicole King, City Attorney (City of Birmingham)</i>
1:45 - 2:15 p.m.	Open Meeting Act <i>Ken Smith, retired Executive Director (Alabama League of Municipalities)</i>
2:15 - 2:45 p.m.	2024 Alabama Legislative Update <i>Kaleb Beck, League Counsel (Alabama League of Municipalities)</i>
2:45 - 3 p.m.	Break
3 - 3:30 p.m.	Elections Preparation for the 2025 Municipal Election <i>Rob Johnston, Director of Legal Services (Alabama League of Municipalities)</i>
3:30 - 4:15 p.m.	Election Day is Upon Us: Free Speech for Municipal Employees <i>Christine Hart, Attorney (Hand Arendall Harrison Sale, LLC)</i>
4:15 - 5:15 p.m.	Ethics: Mental Health & Wellness <i>Lori Lein, Attorney (Lein & Associates, LLC)</i>

Thursday, October 24 Judges/Prosecutors Track

1 - 2 p.m.	New Law Impacting Municipal Courts <i>Eric Locke, General Counsel (Administrative Office of Courts)</i>
2 - 3 p.m.	State Forensic Update Related to Municipal Court Cases <i>Michael Weaver, Forensic Toxicologist (Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences)</i>
3 - 3:15 p.m.	Break
3:15 - 4:15 p.m.	Dealing with Domestic Abuse Cases <i>Dr. Ben Short, Domestic Violence Consultant</i>
4:15 - 5:15 p.m.	Municipal Court Bail Bond Litigation Update <i>John Smith, Attorney; Michael Taunton, Attorney; Tripp Demoss, Attorney (Balch and Bingham)</i>



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Friday, October 25 Attorneys Track

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve: Federal and State Law Employees Employed by the Municipality <i>Mark Boardman, Attorney (Boardman, Carr, Petelos, Watkins, Ogle & Howard, P.C.)</i>
9:00 - 9:45 a.m.	Current Employment Issues for Municipalities (panel discussion) Moderator: <i>Shelby Morris, Attorney (Hand Arendall Harrison Sale, LLC)</i> Panelists: <i>Megan Zingarelli (City of Madison); Tracy Hill (City of Pelham); Byron Thomas (City of Huntsville)</i>
9:45 - 10:00 a.m.	Break
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	The Culley Case (panel discussion) Moderator: <i>David Sikes (Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation)</i> Panelists: <i>Tom Gaillard (City of Satsuma); Ed Howard (City of Leesburg); Robert Overing (Deputy Solicitor General, Alabama Attorney General's Office) ; Brenton Smith (Alabama Attorney General's Office); Ed Haden (Balch & Bingham)</i>
11:00 - 11:45 a.m.	Internal Audits <i>Mickey McInnish, Retired Attorney (City of Montgomery); Julie Barnard, Staff Attorney (City of Birmingham)</i>
11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Law Enforcement Liability <i>Terry Sanders; Louis Zook (Safe Risk Loss Control Services LLC Contractors)</i>
12:30 - 12:45 p.m.	AAMA Business Meeting

Friday, October 25 Judges/Prosecutors Track

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Interlock Devices, Hardship Licenses, CDL Masking and Related Questions <i>Samantha Naramore, Attorney (Alabama Law Enforcement Agency)</i>
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Criminal Law and Evidence Rules Updates <i>Anthony Bowling, Attorney (Sheffield and Lentine, PC)</i>
10:00 - 10:15 a.m.	Break
10:15 - 11:15 a.m.	Mental Health Identification of Defendants and Crisis Intervention Training <i>Reggie Parker, Behavior Health Coordinator (City of Hoover)</i>
11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	A Vision for the Unified Judicial System & the Municipal Courts Place In It <i>Sarah Stewart, Associate Justice (Alabama Supreme Court)</i>
12:15 - 12:30 p.m.	AMJA Business Meeting



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8 - 8:45 a.m.	Attorney General's Opinions <i>Wes Shaw, Assistant Attorney General (Opinions Division, Alabama Attorney General's Office)</i>
8:45 - 9:15 a.m.	Artificial Intelligence: Contract Analysis <i>Tenee' Frazier, Senior Legal Editor (Municipal Government, Thomson Reuters)</i>
9:15 - 10:15 a.m.	What Municipal Attorneys Should Know about the Workers Compensation Law <i>Lindsey Simmons, Attorney (King Simmons Attorneys)</i>
10:15 - 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	First Amendment Audit <i>John Wilkerson, General Counsel (Arkansas Municipal League)</i>
11:30 - Noon	Federal and Caselaw Update <i>Ken Smith, retired Executive Director (Alabama League of Municipalities)</i>

Saturday, October 26 Judges/Prosecutors Track

8 - 9 a.m.	Rules of Criminal Procedure: Top Used Provisions for Municipal Courts <i>Stephen Shaw, Attorney (Wallace, Jordan, Ratliff & Brandt, LLC)</i>
9 - 10 a.m.	Ethics Decisions Impacting Judges and Municipal Courts <i>Jacob Jackson, Staff Attorney (Judicial Inquiry Commission)</i>
10 - 10:15 a.m.	Break
10:15 - 11:15 a.m.	ALEA Criminal Justice Update <i>Maury Mitchell, State Crime Information Director (Alabama Law Enforcement Agency)</i>
11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	DUI Trials 101 <i>Whitney Polson, Attorney (Polson & Polson, PC)</i>



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