

## **SPEAKER AGENDA**

***Texas City Attorneys Association  
Summer Conference  
Schlitterbahn Resort, South Padre Island  
June 14-16, 2017  
13 Hours MCLE Credit, Including 2 Ethics Hours***

### **Wednesday, June 14 (3 hours)**

- 12:30-4:00 p.m.      **Registration and Refreshments**
- 1:00-1:30 p.m.      **Contracts Immunity Update**, Amy Emerson, Allensworth & Porter, Austin (.5 hour)
- 1:30-2:00 p.m.      **Employment Law Update 2017: Sex, Drugs, and Tweets Galore**, Sheila Gladstone, Ashley Thomas, and Lauren Munselle, Lloyd Gosselink, Austin (.5 hour)
- 2:00-2:30 p.m.      **Defending Emergency Exception Cases under the Texas Tort Claims Act**, Rebecca Hayward, Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal Hyde & Zech, San Antonio (.5 hour)
- 2:30-3:00 p.m.      **Legal Framework for Municipal Fees**, Leela Fireside, Assistant City Attorney, Austin (.5 hour)
- 3:00-4:00 p.m.      **Handling PIA Requests: Practical Tips**, Moderator: Zindia Thomas, Texas Municipal League, Austin; Panelists: Vanessa Gonzales, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, Austin; Zach Evans, Akers and Akers, Austin; and Sherry Mashburn, City Secretary, College Station (1 hour, including .25 ethics hour)
- 4:00-5:30 p.m.      **TCAA Board of Directors Meeting**
- 5:30-7:30 p.m.      **Welcoming Reception** at Schlitterbahn Resort in the Sea 4 Ever Room, hosted by Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, LLP & McCreary Veselka Bragg & Allen, P.C.

### **Thursday, June 15 (6.5 hours)**

- 7:30 a.m.              **Registration and Breakfast**
- 8:15-8:45 a.m.      **Opening Remarks**, Karen Horner, First Assistant City Attorney, Baytown & TCAA President & Kathy Cunningham, Assistant City Attorney, South Padre Island
- Awards Presentations**

- 8:45-9:15 a.m. **Regulating Your City's Homeless Population**, Thomas Gwosdz, City Attorney, Victoria (.5 hour)
- 9:15-10:00 a.m. **Recent Federal Cases of Interest to Cities**, Randy Montgomery, D. Randall Montgomery and Associates, Dallas (.75 hour)
- 10:00-10:15 a.m. **Break**
- 10:15-11:00 a.m. **Recent State Cases of Interest to Cities**, Laura Mueller, Bojorquez Law Firm, Austin (.75 hour)
- 11:00-11:30 a.m. **Tax Foreclosed Properties**, Leann Guzman, Assistant City Attorney, Fort Worth (.5 hour)
- 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. **Lunch on Your Own**
- 12:45-1:15 p.m. **Hoarding**, Jonathan Koury, Assistant City Attorney, Bryan (.5 hour)
- 1:15-1:45 p.m. **Regulation of Drones**, Chris Nichols, Nichols Law Firm, Houston (.5 hour)
- 1:45-2:15 p.m. **Emerging Right of Way Issues: Small Cells are a Big Deal**, Don Knight, Senior Assistant City Attorney, Dallas (.5 hour)
- 2:15-2:30 p.m. **Break**
- 2:30-3:30 p.m. **What's Your Damage?? Case Studies in ZBA Appeals**, Tad Cleaves, Assistant City Attorney, Skye Masson, First Assistant City Attorney, and Sofia Nelson, Planning Director, City of Georgetown (1 hour)
- 3:30-4:30 p.m. **Legislative Update**, TML Staff, Austin (1 hour)
- 4:30-5:00 p.m. **Lessons Learned from Pasadena: Voting Rights Act Update**, Gunnar Sequist, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, Austin (.5 hour)
- 5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**
- 6:00-9:00 p.m. **Reception** at Louie's Backyard, 2305 Laguna Blvd., hosted by McKamie Krueger, L.L.P.
- 6:00-10:00 p.m. **Parent's Night Out** - \*Hotel has this every day and night for a fee

**Friday, June 16 (3.5 hours)**

- 8:00-8:30 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 8:30-9:15 a.m. **What Every New City Attorney Needs to Know (And the Rest of Us Reminded Of)**, Marcus Norris, Underwood Law Firm, Amarillo (.75 ethics hour)

- 9:15-9:45 a.m.      **Legislative Privilege: Protections and Cautions**, Nathan Vassar, Lloyd Gosselink, Austin (.5 hour)
- 9:45-10:30 a.m.      **Risky Business: Managing Construction Project Risk with Bonds and Insurance**, Joe Basham, Allensworth & Porter, Austin & Jeff Chapman, The Chapman Firm, Austin (.75 hour)
- 10:30-10:45 a.m.      **Break**
- 10:45-11:15 a.m.      **7 Myths of Environmental Liability**, Derra Mattina, Olson & Olson, Houston (.5 hour)
- 11:15-12:15 p.m.      **Why Can't We All Just Get Along: The Relationship between City Councils and EDC Boards**, Frank Garza, Davidson, Troilo, Ream and Garza, San Antonio (1 hour ethics)
- 12:15 p.m.      **Adjourn**
- 5:30-8:00 p.m.      **Shrimp Boil** at Isla Blanca County Park Sandpiper Pavilion hosted by Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal Hyde & Zech, P.C.