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Diane Wetherbee, City Attorney, Plano, and TCAA Board Member; Paige Mims, Assistant City Attorney, Plano

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Analeslie Muncy, Attorney at Law, Irving

Supreme Court Update

The Honorable Dale Wainwright, Justice, Supreme Court of Texas

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Recent State Cases of Interest to Cities

Barbara Boulware-Wells, Akers and Boulware-Wells, Austin

Code Enforcement Issues for City Attorneys

Brenda McDonald, Assistant City Attorney, Irving; Pamela Oglesby, Chief Prosecutor, Austin

Municipal Utility Districts – The Pros/Cons of a MUD as Your Neighbor

Scott Levine, Banowsky and Levine, Dallas

Police Officer Separation – TCLEOSE Forms and Hearings

George Hyde, Denton, Navarro, Rocha and Bernal, San Antonio

Coming Up for Air in the Sea of Texas Water Resource Planning

Mark Taylor, Attorney at Law, San Marcos

Ethics – Real World Examples

Ross Fischer, City Attorney, Seguin

Recent Attorney General Opinions of Interest to Cities

Julian Grant, Municipal Affairs Division Chief, Office of the Texas Attorney General

Avoiding Employment Law Traps – Preparing City Officials

Frank Waite, Thompson and Knight, Dallas

Contractual Immunity

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Avoiding Takings Claims

Heather Scott, Willette and Guerra, Brownsville

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Miguel Matos, Denton, Navarro, Rocha and Bernal, San Antonio; Mike Hayes, City Attorney, Kerrville

Key Construction Claims – Top Ten Issues for City Attorneys

Jeff Chapman, Ford, Nassen and Baldwin, Austin

Sign Law – What City Attorneys Need to Know

Randal Morrison, Sabine and Morrison, San Diego

Cutting Edge Economic Development Tools

Peter Smith, Nichols, Jackson, Dillard, Hager, and Smith, Dallas

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Alan Bojorquez, Bovey and Bojorquez, Austin

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Ryan Turner, General Counsel, Texas Municipal Courts Education Center

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Paul Gosselink, Lloyd Gosselink, Austin, and Jason Tournillion, GT Environmental Finance, Austin

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Station Companies, David Klein, Lloyd Gosselink, Austin

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Royce Poinsett, McGinnis, Lochridge and Kilgore, Austin

Real Estate FAQ's by City Attorneys or What is the Difference Between a Right-of-Way and an Easement

Kevin Laughlin, Nichols, Jackson, Dillard, Hager and Smith, Dallas

When Disaster Strikes

Legal Staff, Galveston

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Jason King and Nathan Akers, Akers and Boulware-Wells, Austin

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Art Rodriguez, Russell and Rodriguez, Georgetown

Airport Law 101

Robert Sims, Assistant City Attorney, Dallas

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The Legislative Process – How it Really Works

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Miles Risley, City Attorney, and Kinley Hegglund, Senior Assistant City Attorney, Wichita Falls

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Matthew C.G. Boyle, Boyle and Lowry, Irving

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Bankruptcy: What Every City Attorney Should Know

Robert Franke, Strasburger and Price, Frisco

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The Home Rule Charter Review Process

Charlie Zech, Denton, Navarro, Rocha and Bernal, San Antonio

Recent Developments at the PUC, RRC, and TWDB

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Ric Navarro, Denton, Navarro, Rocha and Bernal, Harlingen

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Contractor Default/Surety Performance

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Cell Tower Siting Update

Omar Izfar, Assistant City Attorney, Houston

Selling Municipal Property for Economic Development

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The Impact of Social Networking on Cities

Cindy Crosby, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, Austin

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How Much Will that Substandard Building Demolition Really Cost You?:

Tim Sralla, Taylor, Olson, Adkins, Sralla & Elam, Fort Worth

Future Municipal Water Supplies – From Planning to Implementation:

Martin Rochelle, Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, Austin

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Claire Swann, Abernathy, Roeder, Boyd and Joplin, McKinney

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James Parker, Knight and Partners, Austin

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How to Write a Prosecutor Friendly Ordinance

Robin Cross, Assistant City Attorney, Galveston

Making Public/Private Partnerships Work

Ron Stutes, Potter Minton, Tyler

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Brad Bullock, Russell and Rodriguez, Georgetown

Budget Pitfalls

Leela Fireside, Assistant City Attorney, Austin

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Sarah Gardner-Cox, Assistant City Attorney, Temple

Zoning Board of Adjustment – Pitfalls to Avoid

Steven Wood, Taylor, Olson, Adkins, Sralla and Elam, Fort Worth

Ethics: Duties, Obligations, and Potential Liability for Signing Legal Opinion Letters

Slater Elza, Underwood Law Firm, Amarillo

Advanced Employment Law Pitfalls – Dos and Don'ts

Elisabeth Kaylor, Assistant City Attorney, Arlington

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Scott Houston, Texas Municipal League, Austin

Billboard and Sign Regulation: Recent Cases and Trends

Chris Nichols, Randle Law Office, Houston

Top Ten Construction Procurement Mistakes

Jeff Chapman and Curt Martin, Ford, Nassen and Baldwin, Austin/Houston

Effective Communications with the Police Department

Joe C. Tooley, Dallas

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Current Issues Involving Surface Water and Cities

Emily Rogers, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, LLP, Austin

Rainwater Harvesting and Cities

Kristen Fancher, Lloyd Gosselink, Austin

The State Water Plan – What Cities Need to Know

Ty Embrey, Lloyd Gosselink, Austin

The Legal Framework for Municipal Fees

Leela Fireside, Assistant City Attorney, Austin

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Political Subdivision Liability Under the Texas Tort Claims Act

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Lessons Learned from New City Attorneys and City Attorneys in a New City

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Kevin Pagan, City Attorney and Emergency Management Coordinator, McAllen

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Chris Bowers, First Assistant City Attorney, Dallas

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J. Grady Randle, Chris Nichols, Tim Kirwin, Catarina Cron, and Byron Brown, Randle Law Office, Houston

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Julia Houston, Andrew Kurth, Austin

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PID Case Study: Irving

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Jeff Chapman, The Chapman Law Firm, Austin

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Derrick Mitchell, Bracewell, Houston, and Glenwood Hill, Bracewell, Dallas

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Ryan Henry, Law Offices of Ryan Henry, San Antonio

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Kevin Laughlin, Nichols, Jackson, Dillard, Hager & Smith, Dallas

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Georgia Crump, Lloyd Gosselink, Austin

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Dealing with EEOC Complaints

Ron Stutes, Potter Minton, Tyler

Municipal Obligations under the Fair Housing Act

Trish Link, City of Austin

BBCA Appeal Group v. City of Houston – Is Home Rule Dead?

Charles Williams, Olson & Olson, Houston

The Intersection of Federal Disability Law and Municipal Zoning

Gunnar Seaquist and Steven Weller, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, Austin

Ethics – Governing Body Training

Slater Elza, Underwood Law Firm, Amarillo

Municipal Court “Debtors Prison” Litigation

Chris Edwards and Sherry Statman, City of Austin

Recent State Cases of Interest to Cities

Laura Mueller, Bojorquez Law Firm, Austin

Recent Federal Cases of Interest to Cities

Randy Montgomery, D. Randall Montgomery and Associates, Dallas

Ethics – Speak Up? Or Shut Up? The Role of the City Attorney During a Meeting

Karen Brophy, City of Irving

Jay Doegey, Texas Coalition for Affordable Power, Addison

Frank Garza, Davidson, Troilo, Ream and Garza, San Antonio

Law Enforcement Basics for the City Attorney

Officer Safety and Suicide: Policies, Practices and Programs

Theresa James, City of San Angelo

Body Cameras

Curtis Howard, City of Plano Police Department

7 Steps for Building Trust in Policing

Gene Ellis, City of Belton Police Department

License to Carry and Reasonable Suspicion

Warren Spencer

Open Records Issues in Police Departments

Ric Navarro and Alan Ozuna, Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal Hyde & Zech, Harlingen

Ethics: Client Relationships in PD Context

Jerris Mapes, City of Killeen

2017 Summer Conference Speaker Presentations

Contracts Immunity Update

Amy Emerson, Allensworth & Porter, Austin

Employment Law Update 2017: Sex, Drugs, and Tweets Galore

Sheila Gladstone, Ashley Thomas and Lauren Munselle, Lloyd Gosselink, Austin

Defending Emergency Exception Cases under the Texas Tort Claims Act

Rebecca Hayward, Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal Hyde & Zech, San Antonio

Legal Framework for Municipal Fees

Leela Fireside, City of Austin

Handling PIA Requests: Practical Tips

Zindia Thomas, TML (Moderator)

Vanessa Rodriguez, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, Austin

Zachariah Evans, Akers and Akers, Austin

Sherry Mashburn, City of College Station

Regulating Your City's Homeless Population

Thomas Gwosdz, City of Victoria

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Randy Montgomery, D. Randall Montgomery and Associates, Dallas

Recent State Cases of Interest to Cities

Laura Mueller, Bojorquez Law Firm, Austin

Tax Foreclosed Properties

Leann Guzman, City of Fort Worth

Hoarding

Jonathan Koury, City of Bryan

Regulation of Drones

Chris Nichols, Nichols Law Firm, Houston

Emerging Right of Way Issues: Small Cells Are a Big Deal

Don Knight, City of Dallas

What's Your Damage? Case Studies in ZBA Appeals

Tad Cleaves, Skye Masson and Sofia Nelson, City of Georgetown

Legislative Update

TML Staff, Austin

Lessons Learned from Pasadena: Voting Rights Act Update

Gunnar Seaquist, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, Austin

What Every New City Attorney Needs to Know (and the Rest of Us Reminded of)

Marcus Norris, Underwood Law Firm, Amarillo

Legislative Privilege: Protections and Cautions

Nathan Vassar, Lloyd Gosselink, Austin

Risky Business: Managing Construction Project Risk with Bonds and Insurance

Joe Basham, Allensworth & Porter, Austin

Jeff Chapman, The Chapman Firm, Austin

7 Myths of Environmental Liability

Derra Mattina, Olson & Olson, Houston

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

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Accommodating Disabled Persons: Municipal Facilities

Clarissa Rodriguez, Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech, San Antonio

Special Session Legislative Update

TML Staff, Austin

Strategies and Pitfalls for Cities Involved in High-Profile Litigation

Tom Brandt and Frank Valenzuela, Fanning Harper Martinson Brandt & Kutchin, Dallas
Janet Spugnardi, City of Irving

Staying Out of the Courthouse: Best Practices for Employee Discipline

Slater Elza, Underwood Law Firm, Amarillo

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Randy Montgomery, D. Randall Montgomery and Associates, Dallas

Effective Fire and Police Recruitment Tools

Bryan McWilliams, City of Amarillo

Give Me a Sign: ReReeding Our Sign Codes

Laura Mueller, Bojorquez Law Firm, Austin

Civil Appeals out of Your own Municipal Court, What Do You Need to Know?

Ryan Henry, Law Offices of Ryan Henry, San Antonio

Scandal: How to Be a Real-Life Municipal Gladiator (*What to Do When City Officials Are Charged with Crimes*)

Leah Hayes and Akilah Mance, Olson & Olson, Houston

2018 Riley Fletcher Basic Municipal Law Seminar Speaker Presentations

Types of City Government

Heather Lockhart, Assistant General Counsel, Texas Municipal League, Austin

Open Meetings Act

Karen Kennard, Greenberg Traurig, LLP, Austin

Public Information Act

Christy Drake-Adams, Assistant General Counsel, Texas Municipal League, Austin

Annexation

Scott Houston, Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel, Texas Municipal League, Austin

Personnel Law

Nicholas Palmer, Senior Assistant City Attorney, Dallas

Ethics

Alan Bojorquez, Bojorquez Law Firm, Austin

Liability

Slater Elza, Underwood Law Firm, P.C., Amarillo

Election Law

Christina Adkins, Texas Secretary of State, Austin

Land Use

Julie Fort, Messer Rockefeller & Fort, PLLC, Frisco

Economic Development

Zindia Thomas, Assistant General Counsel, Texas Municipal League, Austin

Dealing with the Media

Jay Warren, Marketing Communications Manager, Arlington

Municipal Finance

Kuruvilla Oommen, City Attorney, Irving

Municipal Budget and Tax Rate

Jeff Moore, Brown & Hofmeister, L.L.P., Richardson

Purchasing

Kevin Laughlin, Nichols Jackson Dillard Hager & Smith, L.L.P., Dallas

Ordinances

David Johnson, Assistant City Attorney, Arlington

Municipal Court

George Hyde & Caroline Kelley, Russell Rodriguez Hyde Bullock, L.L.P., Georgetown

Disaster Recovery, Mitigation, and Procurement Workshop

Federal Emergency Management Agency Presentation

Elina Kharit and Rich Bauer, Attorney Advisors, Procurement Disaster Assistance Team (PDAT)

Texas Division of Emergency Management Presentation

Shari Ramirez-MacKay, CEM, State Coordinator for the Regional Disaster Finance Program, Texas Department of Public Safety

City Attorney Presentation

Sherry Russell, City Attorney, Lake Jackson

2018 Summer Conference Speaker Presentations

Regulating Game Rooms & Poker Rooms

Curtis Howard and Michelle D'Andrea, City of Plano

Hot Issues in Zoning: Tiny Houses, Shipping Containers, and RV's

Leonard Schneider, Liles Parker, Kingwood

Navigating the New Annexation Requirements

Scott Houston, Texas Municipal League, Austin

When Can My City Delete a Facebook Comment?

Heather Lockhart, City of Austin

Updating Your Right of Way Ordinance

Denise Cheney and Kelli Fuqua, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, LLP, Austin

Hot Topics in Municipal Finance

Derrick Mitchell, Bracewell LLP, Houston

Employment Law Update

Sheila Gladstone and Ashley Thomas, Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C., Austin

Recent State Cases of Interest to Cities

Laura Mueller, Bojorquez Law Firm, Austin

Top 5 (Or So) Home Rule Charter Issues

Charles E. Zech, Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech, San Antonio

Avoiding Procurement and Purchasing Mistakes: Recent Case Law and Practitioner's Tips
Jeff Chapman, The Chapman Firm, Austin

Suing the Code Enforcement Scofflaw
Ron Stutes, Potter Minton, Tyler

Hot Topics in Election Law
Christina Adkins, Secretary of State's Office, Austin

Mapping and Navigating the Path Forward on Automated and Connected Vehicles: A Road Trip Through Preemption to Code Considerations for Safe Deployment
Gregory Rodriguez, Best Best & Krieger, San Diego
Thomas Bamonte, North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG)
David Johnson, City of Arlington

Purchasing Property for Groundwater Supply Development
Theresa James, City of San Angelo
Jason Hill, JT Hill & Co., Austin

Texas Competitive Low Income Housing Tax Credits
Dean Roggia, City of Irving

Of Brewpubs and Breweries, Growlers and Crowlers: Craft Brewing and Distilling and the Texas Municipality
David Ritter, Brown & Hofmeister, L.L.P., Richardson

Integrating the Morton Act and Colorado County v. Staff into Law Enforcement Disciplinary Practices
George Hyde, Russell Rodriguez Hyde Bullock, LLP, Georgetown

How High's the Water? Public Entity Flood Litigation and Liability in Texas
Jose de la Fuente and James Parker, Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C., Austin

Animals in the City – from Ordinances to Enforcement
Bianca Bentzin and Leela Fireside, City of Austin
Jonathan Koury, City of Bryan

Common Municipal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) Issues
Miles Risley and Barbara Quirk, City of Corpus Christi

Drafting a Municipal Code of Ethics
Alan Bojorquez, Bojorquez Law Firm, Austin