

# **TCAA Presentations: 2008 – Present**

## **2008 TCAA Summer Conference Speaker Presentations**

### **Immigration – Legal Issues Affecting Cities**

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

### **Elections Issues for City Attorneys**

Analeslie Muncy, Attorney at Law, Irving

### **Supreme Court Update**

The Honorable Dale Wainwright, Justice, Supreme Court of Texas

### **Recent Federal Cases of Interest to Cities**

Randy Montgomery, D. Randall Montgomery and Associates, Dallas

### **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**

Ryan Henry, Denton, Navarro, Rocha and Bernal, San Antonio

## **2008 TCAA Fall Conference Speaker Presentations**

### **Avoiding Takings Claims**

Heather Scott, Willette and Guerra, Brownsville

### **Recent State Cases of Interest to Cities**

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

### **Recent Federal Cases of Interest to Cities**

Randy Montgomery, D. Randall Montgomery and Associates, Dallas

### **Ethics – Challenges Unique to City Attorneys**

Alan Bojorquez, Bovey and Bojorquez, Austin

## **2009 Riley Fletcher Basic Municipal Law Seminar**

### **Types of City Government**

Monte Akers, Akers and Boulware-Wells, Austin

### **Open Government**

Bill Longley, Legal Counsel, Texas Municipal League

### **Land Use**

Amber Slayton and Joseph Gorfida, Jr., Nichols, Jackson, Dillard, Hager and Smith, Dallas

### **Ethics**

Ross Fischer, City Attorney, Seguin

### **Municipal Court**

Ryan Turner, General Counsel, Texas Municipal Courts Education Center

**Tort Claims Act**

Dick Evans, Staff Attorney, Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Political Subdivision Liability

**Economic Development**

Jeff Moore, Brown and Hofmeister, Richardson

**Personnel**

Charles Anderson, City Attorney, Irving, and TCAA President

**Purchasing**

Julian Grant, Office of the Attorney General, Austin

## **2009 TCAA Summer Conference Speaker Presentations**

**The Ethics of Handling Municipal Matters Involving Unrepresented Parties**

Meredith Ladd, Brown and Hofmeister, Richardson

**Climate Change and its Impacts on Municipal Operations**

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

**Redistricting Issues for City Attorneys**

Bob Heath, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, Austin

**Police/Fire Labor Relations Update**

Lowell Denton, Denton, Navarro, Rocha and Bernal, San Antonio

**Recent Federal Cases of Interest to Cities**

Randy Montgomery, D. Randall Montgomery and Associates, Dallas

**Recent State Cases of Interest to Cities**

Laura Mueller, Texas Municipal League, Austin

**Taking Control over Natural Gas Gathering and Transmission Pipelines and Compressor Station Companies, David Klein, Lloyd Gosselink, Austin****What City Attorneys Should Know About Ethics and the Legislature**

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

**Ethics**

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

**CCN Update**

Art Rodriguez, Russell and Rodriguez, Georgetown

**Airport Law 101**

Robert Sims, Assistant City Attorney, Dallas

**Anatomy of a TCEQ Enforcement Action**

Kerry Russell, Russell and Rodriguez, Georgetown

**FMLA/ADA Update**

Frank Waite, Thompson and Knight, Dallas

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**Eminent Domain Update**

Loren B. Smith, Olson and Olson, Houston

**Recent State Cases of Interest to Cities**

Clarissa Rodriguez, Denton, Navarro, Rocha and Bernal, San Antonio

**Veterans Employment Rights**

Sheila Gladstone, Lloyd Gosselink, Austin

**Alternative Delivery Methods for Construction Projects**

Tim Matheny, Ford, Nassen and Baldwin, Dallas

**Open Meetings Act – Unconstitutional?**

Scott Houston, Texas Municipal League, Austin

**Recent Federal Cases of Interest to Cities**

Randy Montgomery, D. Randall Montgomery and Associates, Dallas

**Hotel Tax Update**

Bennett Sandlin, Texas Municipal League, Austin

**Ethics**

Ross Fischer, Denton, Navarro, Rocha and Bernal, San Antonio

## **2010 Riley Fletcher Basic Municipal Law Seminar** **Speaker Presentations**

### **Types of City Government**

Scott Houston, Director of Legal Services, Texas Municipal League

### **Open Meetings**

Scott Houston, Director of Legal Services, Texas Municipal League

### **Public Information Act**

Heather Silver, Assistant City Attorney, City of Dallas

### **Land Use**

Amber Slayton and Joseph Gorfida, Jr., Nichols, Jackson, Dillard, Hager and Smith, Dallas

### **Ethics**

Chris Caso and Gwen Satterthwaite, Assistant City Attorneys, City of Dallas

### **Municipal Court**

Bonnie Goldstein, Bonnie Lee Goldstein, P.C., Dallas

### **Tort Claims Act**

Lori Gillespie, Staff Attorney, Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool

### **Economic Development**

Bennett Sandlin, General Counsel, Texas Municipal League

### **Personnel**

Laura Muller, Legal Counsel, Texas Municipal League

### **Purchasing**

Ben Wyse, Messer, Campbell & Brady, Frisco

## **2010 TCAA Summer Conference Speaker Presentations**

### **Ethics - Lessons from 40 Years as City Attorney**

Bob Flournoy, Former City Attorney, Lufkinn

### **Seeking Effective Amicus Support**

Robert Fugate, Assistant City Attorney, Arlington

### **The Legislative Process – How it Really Works**

Snapper Carr, General Counsel, Focused Advocacy

**Municipal Court: The Basics**

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

**Personnel: Disciplinary Action Process**

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

**Recent Federal Cases of Interest to Cities**

Randy Montgomery, D. Randall Montgomery and Associates, Dallas

**Recent State Cases of Interest to Cities**

Ron Stutes, Potter Minton, Tyler

**Bankruptcy: What Every City Attorney Should Know**

Robert Franke, Strasburger and Price, Frisco

**Nuisances: Code Enforcement**

Slater Elza, Underwood Law Firm, Amarillo

**Ethics – the City Attorney as “Investigator”**

Liz Provencio and Ross Fischer, Denton, Navarro, Rocha and Bernal, San Antonio

**The Home Rule Charter Review Process**

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

**Recent Developments at the PUC, RRC, and TWDB**

Georgia Crump, Thomas Brocato, and Brad Castleberry, Lloyd Gosselink, Austin

**Civil Service Update**

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

**Ethics**

Peter Merkl, Assistant City Attorney, Corpus Christi

**Contractor Default/Surety Performance**

Jeff Chapman, Ford, Nassen and Baldwin, Austin

**Cell Tower Siting Update**

Omar Izfar, Assistant City Attorney, Houston

**Selling Municipal Property for Economic Development**

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

**The Impact of Social Networking on Cities**

Cindy Crosby, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, Austin

## **2010 TCAA Fall Meeting Speaker Presentations**

### **Breach of Contract Claims**

Andy Messer, Messer, Campbell & Brady, Frisco

### **Recent State Cases of Interest to Cities:**

Brad Young, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, Austin

### **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

### **Recent Federal Cases of Interest to Cities:**

Randy Montgomery, D. Randall Montgomery and Associates, Dallas

### **TABC Update**

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

### **Recreational Use Statute Update:**

James Parker, Knight and Partners, Austin

### **Employee Privacy and Free Speech Rights Update:**

Sheila Gladstone, Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, Austin

### **Ethics – City Attorneys and the Attorney-Client Privilege:**

Leonard Schneider, Houston

## **2011 Riley Fletcher Basic Municipal Law Seminar Speaker Presentations**

### **Types of City Government**

Christy Drake-Adams, Legal Counsel, Texas Municipal League

### **Open Meetings**

Scott Houston, General Counsel, Texas Municipal League

### **Public Information Act**

Bill Longley, Legal Counsel, Texas Municipal League

### **Economic Development**

Floyd Akers, City Attorney, Pflugerville

**Ethics**

Frank Garza, Davidson & Troilo, City Attorney, Poteet

**Municipal Court**

Bonnie Goldstein, Bonnie Lee Goldstein, P.C., Dallas

**Tort Claims Act**

Dick Evans, Staff Attorney, Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool

**Land Use**

Amber Slayton and Kim Lafferty, Lafferty & Slayton, PLLC, Dallas

**Personnel**

Laura Mueller, Assistant General Counsel, Texas Municipal League

**Purchasing**

Scott Houston, General Counsel, Texas Municipal League

## **[2011 Summer Conference Speaker Presentations](#)**

**Ethics: Social Media and Legal Ethics Update**

Sheila B. Gladstone, Lloyd, Gosselink, Rochelle and Townsend, Austin

**Title VII and the Guidelines: Promotional Exams and Recent Trends**

Clarissa Rodriguez, Denton, Navarro, Rocha and Bernal, San Antonio

**How to Write a Prosecutor Friendly Ordinance**

Robin Cross, Assistant City Attorney, Galveston

**Making Public/Private Partnerships Work**

Ron Stutes, Potter Minton, Tyler

**"Sinful Activities" Regulation and the First Amendment**

Brad Bullock, Russell and Rodriguez, Georgetown

**Budget Pitfalls**

Leela Fireside, Assistant City Attorney, Austin

**Recent Federal Cases of Interest to Cities**

Randy Montgomery, D. Randall Montgomery and Associates, Dallas

**Recent State Cases of Interest to Cities**

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

**Legislative Update**

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

**Real Estate Issues: Dealing with Liens and Other Issues**

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

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**High Plains Saga**

Geoffrey Gay, Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend P.C.

**Regulation of Group Homes**

Monte Akers and Jason D. King, Akers & Boulware-Wells, LLP

**Redistricting Update**

Scott Bounds, Olson and Olson, L.L.P., Houston

**Recent Federal Cases of Interest to Cities**

D. Randall Montgomery, D. Randall Montgomery & Associates, P.L.L.C., Dallas

**Public Information Act: E-mail and Electronic Media**

Bob Heath, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta L.L.P., Austin

**Smoking Regulations**

Fritz Quast, Taylor, Olson, Adkins, Sralla and Elam, L.L.P., Fort Worth

**Recent State Cases of Interest to Cities**

Dean Roggia, Assistant City Attorney, City of Waco

**Conflicts of Interest: Facing the City Attorney**

George E. Hyde & Ross Fischer, Denton, Navarro, Rocha & Bernal, P.C., Austin

**Immigration Issues for Cities**

Kathleen Campbell Walker, Cox/Smith, El Paso

**2012 Riley Fletcher Basic Municipal Law Seminar**  
**Speaker Presentations**

**Types of City Government**

Scott Houston, General Counsel, Texas Municipal League

**Open Meetings**

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**Public Information Act**

Bill Longley, Legal Counsel, Texas Municipal League

**Economic Development**

Bill Longley, Legal Counsel, Texas Municipal League

**Ethics**

Frank Garza, Davidson & Troilo, City Attorney, Poteet

**Municipal Finance**

Kuruvilla Oommen, Deputy City Attorney, Irving

**Ethics**

Ross Fischer, Denton, Navarro, Rocha & Bernal, Austin

**Municipal Court**

**Ryan Turner**, Texas Municipal Courts Education Center

**Liability**

Mick McKamie, McKamie Krueger, San Antonio

**Land Use**

Amber Slayton and Kim Lafferty, Lafferty & Slayton, PLLC, Dallas

**Personnel**

Beverly Zech, President/CEO, Capstone Performance Group, New Braunfels

## **Purchasing**

Scott Houston, General Counsel, Texas Municipal League

## **2012 Summer Conference Speaker Presentations**

### **Working with Your City Manager**

Diane Wetherbee, City Attorney, and Bruce Glasscock, City Manager, Plano

### **Current Issues Involving Groundwater and Cities**

Drew Miller, Kemp Smith, Austin

### **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

### **Recent Federal Cases of Interest to Cities**

Randy Montgomery, D. Randall Montgomery and Associates, Dallas

### **Recent State Cases of Interest to Cities**

Laura Mueller, Assistant General Counsel, Texas Municipal League

### **Enforcement of Economic Development Agreements**

Thomas Gwosdz, City Attorney, Victoria

### **Ethics**

Chuck Thompson, Executive Director, International Municipal Lawyers Association

### **Substandard Building Issues: *City of Dallas v. Stewart and More***

Janet Spugnardi, Messer, Campbell, & Brady, Frisco; and Jennifer Richie, Senior Assistant City Attorney, Irving

### **I Do Declare! Or Why a Declaratory Judgment Action May Not Be in the Best Interest of the City**

Loren Smith, Olson and Olson, L.L.P. Houston

### **Drafting a Peddler/Itinerant Merchant Ordinance**

Slater Elza, Underwood Law Firm, Amarillo

**Ethics**

Jill Hoffman, Bojorquez Law Firm, PLLC, Austin

**Employment Law Update**

Elizabeth Provencio, Denton Navarro Rocha & Bernal, P.C., San Antonio

**Eminent Domain After Senate Bill 18**

Robert Brown, Brown and Hofmeister, Richardson

**Public Information Act Update, Including the Status of Personal E-mails**

Jennafer Tallant and George Hyde, Denton Navarro Rocha & Bernal, P.C., San Antonio

## **2012 TCAA Fall Meeting Speaker Presentations**

**Ethics**

Edwin P. Voss, Jr., Brown & Hofmeister, L.L.P., Richardson

**Recent State Cases of Interest to Cities**

Ronald D. Stutes, Potter Minton, Tyler

**Recent Federal Cases of Interest to Cities**

D. Randall Montgomery, Michael Justus, Montgomery & Associates, P.L.L.C., Dallas

**Municipal Debt Instruments – An Overview**

Charles M. Williams, Olson & Olson, L.L.P., Houston

## **2013 Riley Fletcher Basic Municipal Law Seminar Speaker Presentations**

**Types of City Government**

Heather Mahurin, Legal Counsel, Texas Municipal League

**The Texas Open Meetings Act at a Glance**

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

**Public Information Act**

Bill Longley, Legal Counsel, Texas Municipal League

**Economic Development Tools**

Kimberly R. Lafferty, Lafferty Law Firm, PLLC., Plano

**Adopting a City Budget and Property Tax Rate Training**

Leela R. Fireside, Assistant City Attorney, Austin

**Municipal Finance: The Public Purpose Doctrine and the Basics of Borrowing, Depositories, and Investments**

Kuruvilla (K.O.) Oommen, Deputy City Attorney, City of Irving

**Purchasing**

Jeff Moore, Brown and Hofmeister, Richardson

**Land Use Regulation for Texas Cities**

Brad Young, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP, Austin

**Municipal Annexation in Texas – “The Basics”**

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

**Political Subdivision Liability Under the Texas Tort Claims Act**

William M. McKamie, McKamie Krueger, LLP, San Antonio

**Drafting Enforceable Ordinances**

David Johnson, Assistant City Attorney, Arlington

**City Attorneys and the Voting Rights Act**

C. Robert Heath, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP, Austin

**Dealing with the Media**

Frank J. Garza, Davidson, Troilo, Ream & Garza, PC, San Antonio

**Personnel Law**

Laura Mueller, Assistant General Counsel, Texas Municipal League

**The Ethical Challenges of Representing Organizations**

Ross Fischer, Denton, Navarro, Rocha & Bernal, P.C.

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**Water Issues**

Martin Rochelle, Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C., Austin

**Working with TML IRP Counsel**

Ron Stutes, Potter Minton; Tyler,

David Reagan, General Counsel, TML IRP

Lance Vincent, Ritcheson, Lauffer & Vincent, P.C., Tyler

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

Jennifer Richie, City Attorney, Waco;  
Mary Ann Powell, City Attorney, Sugar Land;  
Charlie Zech, Denton, Navarro, Rocha & Bernal, San Antonio  
Art Pertile, Olson and Olson, Houston

## **Employment Law Update**

Maricela Moore, Farrow-Gillespie & Heath, Dallas

## **Recent Federal Cases of Interest to Cities**

Randy Montgomery D. Randall Montgomery and Associates, Dallas

## **Recent State Cases of Interest to Cities**

Laura Mueller, Assistant General Counsel, Texas Municipal League

## **Tow Truck Regulation**

Miles Risley, City Attorney, Wichita Falls

## **Ethics**

Thomas Gwosdz, City Attorney, Victoria

## **What Every Plaintiff in a Construction Defect Lawsuit Should Know**

Kayla Landeros, Deputy City Attorney, Temple

## **Legal Notices/Publication Update**

Scott Levine, Banowsky and Levine, Dallas

## **City Signs and Trademarks**

Zachariah Evans, The Akers Law Firm, Austin.

## **Legislative Update**

Bennett Sandlin, Executive Director, Texas Municipal League  
Scott Houston, Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel, Texas Municipal League  
Snapper Carr, Focused Advocacy, Austin

## **Ethics**

John Carlton, The Carlton Law Office, Austin

## **The Affordable Care Act and Cities**

Jim Darling, Mayor, McAllen

## **Animal Control Issue**

Jonathan Koury, Assistant City Attorney, Bryan

## **Urban Gas Drilling**

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

## **2013 Fall Conference Speaker Presentations**

### **Overview of Emergency Management Law**

Kevin Pagan, City Attorney and Emergency Management Coordinator, McAllen

### **The Forms You Must Have**

Alan Bojorquez, TCAA Board Member, Bojorquez Law Firm, Austin

### **The Public Information Act and Disaster Related Documents**

Ryan Henry, Law Offices of Ryan Henry, San Antonio

### **The Agencies You Will Deal With – TDEM**

W. Nim Kidd, Division Chief, Texas Department of Emergency Management

### **Ethical Responsibilities During an Emergency**

Stefanie Albright, Lloyd, Gosselink, Rochelle and Townsend, Austin

### **Personnel Issues During and After a Disaster**

Vanessa Gonzalez, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, Austin

## **2014 Riley Fletcher Basic Municipal Law Seminar Speaker Presentations**

### **Types of City Government**

Heather Mahurin, Legal Counsel, Texas Municipal League

### **Dealing with the Media**

John Bender, Communications Consultant, Texas Municipal League

### **Public Information Act**

Christy Drake Adams, Legal Counsel, Texas Municipal League

### **Economic Development**

Bill Longley, Legal Counsel, Texas Municipal League

### **Municipal Budget and Tax Rate**

Leela R. Fireside, Assistant City Attorney, Austin

### **Ethics**

Erin A. Higginbotham, Denton, Navarro, Rocha, Bernal, Hyde, & Zech P.C.

### **Municipal Finance**

Kuruvilla Oommen, Deputy City Attorney, City of Irving

**Purchasing**

Jeff Moore, Brown and Hofmeister, Richardson

**Land Use**

Brad Young, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP, Austin

**Annexation**

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

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Ryan Henry, Law Offices of Ryan Henry, San Antonio

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Bob Heath, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, Austin

**Open Meetings**

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

**Ordinances**

David Johnson, Assistant City Attorney, Arlington

## **[2014 Summer Conference Speaker Presentations](#)**

**State Water Plan Planning 101**

Emily Rogers, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, Austin

**Legislative Prayer**

Allison E. Burns, Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, Newport Beach, CA

**Affordable Care Act**, Rena Jenkins, Arthur J. Gallagher & Co., Georgetown

**Pitfalls in the Use or Taking of Park Land**

Dean Roggia, Assistant City Attorney, Waco

**Recent Federal Cases of Interest to Cities**

Randy Montgomery, D. Randall Montgomery and Associates, Dallas

**Recent State Cases of Interest to Cities**

Laura Mueller, Assistant General Counsel, Texas Municipal League



**Trends in Construction Contracting**

Jeff Chapman, The Chapman Law Firm, Austin

**Concrete Ways to Improve Your Legal Drafting**

Chris Bowers, First Assistant City Attorney, Dallas

**Synthetic Drug Enforcement: Multi-Department Strategies**

Dan Santee, City Attorney; Jon James, Director of Planning and Development Services; and Theresa James, Assistant City Attorney, Abilene

**Economic Development Panel: Recent Developments and the Tools to Deal with Them**

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

**Is Your Personnel Manual Up-to-Date?**

Sheila Gladstone, Lloyd Gosselink, Austin

**Municipal Regulation of Firearms**

Bobby Gervais, Olson & Olson L.L.P., Houston

**Grandfathered Permits**

Scott Bounds, Olson & Olson L.L.P., Houston

**Ethics: Should You be Using Your Cell Phone?**

Thomas Gwosdz, City Attorney, Victoria

**Eminent Domain: The Pendulum Swings**

Preston Dobbs and Scott Doggett, Burford & Ryburn, Dallas

**Are Proprietary Contracts Putting Cities at Risk?**

Jose de la Fuente and Amy Emerson, Lloyd Gosselink, Austin

**Does TOMA Allow a Town Hall Meeting?**

Scott Houston, TCAA General Counsel

**[2014 Fall Conference Speaker Presentations](#)**

**Background Checks – When Are They Permissible**

Monte Akers, Akers Law Firm, Austin

**Outdoor Lighting Ordinances**

Alan Bojorquez, Bojorquez Law Firm, Austin

**Recent State Cases of Interest to Cities**

Ryan Henry, Law Offices of Ryan Henry, San Antonio

**Recent Federal Cases of Interest to Cities**

Randy Montgomery, D. Randall Montgomery and Associates, Dallas

**What's Left of the Voting Rights Act**

Bob Heath, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, Austin

**Ethical Dilemmas with Advising City Officials**

Slater Elza, Underwood Law Firm, Amarillo

**Legislative Forecast**

TML Staff

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**Dealing with the Media**

John Bender, Communications Consultant, Texas Municipal League

**Ordinances**

David Johnson, Assistant City Attorney, Arlington

## **2015 Summer Conference Speaker Presentations**

**Federal Environmental Rules Update**

Shawn Hagerty, Best Best & Kreiger, Washington, D.C.

**Service Animals and City Facilities**

Mick McKamie, McKamie Krueger, San Antonio

**Substandard Structures Update**

Janet Spugnardi, City of Irving

**State Utility Issues Update**

Thomas Brocato and Georgia Crump, Lloyd Gosselink, Austin

**Municipal Law Jeopardy**

Terry Welch, Brown & Hofmeister, Richardson

**Municipal Environmental Enforcement**

Daniel Ray, Scott and Ray, Greenville

**Recent Federal Cases of Interest to Cities**

Randy Montgomery, D. Randall Montgomery and Associates, Dallas

**Recent State Cases of Interest to Cities**

Laura Mueller, Texas Municipal League, Austin

**Officer Involved Shootings: Shades of Gray**

Jack Smith, City Attorney, Orange

**Early Dismissal Options in Municipal Litigation**

Kurt Banowsky and Matt Durham, Assistant City Attorneys, Garland

**Employment Law Update**

Sheila Gladstone, Lloyd Gosselink, Austin

**Neighborhood Empowerment Zones**

Meredith Ladd, City Attorney, Carrollton

**Ethics – Conflict Issues for City Attorneys**

Art Pertile, Olson and Olson, Houston

**Criminalized Information Flow**

Miles Risley, City Attorney, Corpus Christi

**Legislative Update**

Texas Municipal League Staff

**Ethics in Municipal Law**

Ed Voss, Brown & Hofmeister, Richardson

**Police Officer Terminations – F5 Issues and More**

Slater Elza, The Underwood Law Firm, Amarillo

**Working Through Contractor Default: Tips and Tools from Lessons Learned on Tough Projects**

Jeff Chapman, The Chapman Firm, Austin

**Ethics – The Opportunity of Service for Lawyers**

Ebb Grindstaff, City Attorney, Ballinger

**Regulation of Wireless Towers**

Ashley Dierker, Taylor, Olson, Adkins, Sralla and Elam, Fort Worth

## **2015 Fall Conference Speaker Presentations**

### **ADA Update, Including Pregnancy**

Vanessa Gonzales, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, Austin

### **Environmental Audits – An Often Overlooked Tool for Cities**

Brad Castleberry and Ashley Thomas, Lloyd Gosselink, Austin

### **Recent State Cases of Interest to Cities**

Laura Mueller, Texas Municipal League, Austin

### **Recent Federal Cases of Interest to Cities**

Randy Montgomery, D. Randall Montgomery and Associates, Dallas

### **Can you fire an employee whose off-duty DWI charge results in a temporary suspension of driving privileges?**

Thomas Gswodz, City of Victoria

### **Ethics**

Val Perkins, Gardere Wynne Sewell, Houston

### **Domestic Partner Benefits, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Discrimination, and Navigating the *Obergefell v. Hodges* Ruling**

Sheila Gladstone and Elizabeth Hernandez, Lloyd Gosselink, Austin

## **2016 Riley Fletcher Basic Municipal Law Seminar** **Speaker Presentations**

### **Types of City Government**

Heather Lockhart, Legal Counsel, Texas Municipal League

### **Open Meetings**

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

### **Public Information Act**

Christy Drake-Adams, Legal Counsel, Texas Municipal League

### **Economic Development**

Bill Longley, Legislative Counsel, Texas Municipal League

### **Personnel Law**

Laura Mueller, Assistant General Counsel, Texas Municipal League

**Ethics**

Frank Garza, Davidson Troilo Ream & Garza, San Antonio

**Municipal Finance**

Kuruvilla Oommen, Deputy City Attorney, Arlington

**Election Law**

Christina Adkins, Election Division Staff, Texas Secretary of State

**Land Use**

Brad Young, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, Austin

**Annexation**

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

**Municipal Court**

Alan Bojorquez, Bojorquez Law Firm, Austin

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Leela Fireside, Assistant City Attorney, Austin

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Kevin Laughlin, Nichols Jackson Dillard Hager & Smith, Dallas

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John Bender, Communications Consultant, Texas Municipal League

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## **Public Improvement Districts Workshop**

**PID Basics**

Dorothy Palumbo, Bojorquez Law Firm, Austin

**The Life of a PID in North Texas**

Julie Fort, Messer, Rockefeller & Fort, Frisco

**A Bond Attorney's Perspective**

Julia Houston, Andrew Kurth, Austin

**An Underwriter's Perspective**

R.R. "Tripp" Davenport III, FMSbonds Inc., Dallas

**PID Case Study: Flower Mound**

Terry Welch, Brown & Hofmeister, Richardson

**PID Case Study: Irving**

Karen Brophy, City of Irving

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**Federal Environmental Rules Update**

Rebecca Andrews, Best Best & Kreiger, San Diego, CA

**H.B. 1295 Contracts Disclosure**

Christy Drake-Adams, Texas Municipal League, Austin

**Licensed Carry Update**

Scott Houston, Texas City Attorneys Association, Austin

**Social Media Legal Issues Update**

Jennifer Richie, City of Waco

**Employment Policies and Procedures Update**

Marcus Norris, Underwood Law Firm, Amarillo

**Charter Review**

Ron Stutes, Potter Minton, Tyler

**Privacy and Data Security Issues for Cities**

Lisa Mares, Brown & Hofmeister, Richardson

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Randy Montgomery, D. Randall Montgomery & Associates, Dallas

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Laura Mueller, Bojorquez Law Firm, Austin

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Amy Emerson, Allensworth & Porter, Austin

**Vacancies, Resignations, Removals, and Holdovers**

Tim Kirwin, Randle Law Office, Houston

**Employee Drug Testing**

Sheila Gladstone, Lloyd Gosselink, Austin

**Mandamus and Ultra Vires Issues**

Jose de la Fuente, Lloyd Gosselink, Austin

**Understanding, Analyzing, and Resolving Construction Delays and Delay Claims**

Jeff Chapman, The Chapman Law Firm, Austin

**Ethical Considerations: Dealing with the Public and Pro Se Litigants**

Brad Young and Josh Katz, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, Austin

**How to Deal with Bond Counsel**

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

**The City Council and the Municipal Court Judge**

Ryan Henry, Law Offices of Ryan Henry, San Antonio

**Ethics in Municipal Court**

Andy Quittner, City of Seguin

**What the Heck is a Local Government Corporation Anyway?**

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

**Real Property Tips and Tricks**

Jonathan Koury, City of Bryan

**DAS and Rights-of-Way Licensing**

Georgia Crump, Lloyd Gosselink, Austin

Alfred R. Herrera, Herrera & Boyle, Austin

Clarence West, Austin

**ASCAP Licensing: Do We Have to?**

Erich Eiselt, International Municipal Lawyers Association, Bethesda, MD

**Ethics – Municipal Law through the Years: A Historical Perspective**

Larry Schenk, Houston

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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

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Chris Edwards and Sherry Statman, City of Austin

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**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

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**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

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### **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

### **Recent Federal Cases of Interest to Cities**

Randy Montgomery, D. Randall Montgomery and Associates, Dallas

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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**

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**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: ReReading 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

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

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Karen Kennard, Greenberg Traurig, LLP, Austin

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

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

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Nicholas Palmer, Senior Assistant City Attorney, Dallas

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Alan Bojorquez, Bojorquez Law Firm, Austin

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Christina Adkins, Texas Secretary of State, Austin

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Julie Fort, Messer Rockefeller & Fort, PLLC, Frisco

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

**Dealing with the Media**

Jay Warren, Marketing Communications Manager, Arlington

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Kuruvilla Oommen, City Attorney, Irving

**Municipal Budget and Tax Rate**

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

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

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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**

Sherri Russell, City Attorney, Lake Jackson

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**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

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

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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, City of Corpus Christi

**Drafting a Municipal Code of Ethics**

Alan Bojorquez, Bojorquez Law Firm, Austin

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**Service Animals**

Mick McKamie, Taylor Olson Adkins Sralla & Elam, Fort Worth

**ADA Facility Compliance – What to Do When the Feds Come Knocking**

Ryan Henry, Law Offices of Ryan Henry, San Antonio

**Public Information Act: How to Effectively Intake, Process, and Respond to Requests**

Dawn Roberts, City of Arlington

**Political Hot Topics in Land Use (Confederate Monuments, Street Naming, Affordable Housing, Etc.)**

Terry Welch, Brown & Hofmeister, Richardson

**Recent Federal Cases of Interest to Cities**

Randy Montgomery, D. Randall Montgomery & Associates, Dallas

**Top Employment Law Challenges in the Workplace**

Victoria Huynh and Shanté Akafia, City of Plano

**“Like” It or Not: Developing Social Media Guidelines for City Employees**

Mari McGowan, Abernathy, Roeder, Boyd & Hullett, McKinney

**Legislative Forecast**

Scott Houston and Bill Longley, Texas Municipal League, Austin

**A Legal Perspective on City Efforts to Create Innovation-Friendly Environments for Entrepreneurs and Startups**

Lisa Mares, Middlebrook & Goodspeed, PLLC, Grapevine

**Anti-SLAPP Suits**

Derra Purnell, Olson & Olson, Houston

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Vanessa Gonzalez, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, LLP, Austin

**Unpopular Speech and the Heckler's Veto**

Robert Higgason, City of Houston

**Road Construction Contracts**

Ron Stutes, Potter Minton, Tyler

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Laura Mueller, Bojorquez Law Firm, PC, Austin

**City Ethics Commissions and Other Strange Creatures of Lore**

Ryan Henry, Law Offices of Ryan Henry, PLLC, San Antonio

**Cybersecurity**

Karen Kennard and Aaron Gregg, Greenberg Traurig, LLP, Austin

**Utility-Related Updates**

Jamie Mauldin and Cody Faulk, Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C., Austin

**Dockless Mobility Regulation**

Jessica Sangsvang, City of Fort Worth

**Considerations for and Best Methods for Construction Project Delivery**

Jeff Chapman, The Chapman Firm, PLLC, Austin

**Responding to First Amendment Audits**

Paul Christ, TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool, Austin

**Short Term Rentals - Where Things Stand**

Leslie Spear Schmidt, City of Amarillo

**Substandard Structures**

Jonathan Koury, City of Bryan

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**Administration of Public Improvement Districts/TIRZ**

Mary Petty, P3 Works, Austin/Keller, and Julie Houston, Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP, Austin

**Regulating Condominium Projects**

Tad Cleaves, Bojorquez Law Firm, PC, Austin  
Skye Masson, City of Georgetown

**Open Meetings Act vs. Political Advertising**

Danielle Folsom, City of Houston

**Group Homes**

Mick McKamie, Taylor Olson Adkins Sralla & Elam, L.L.P., San Antonio

**Update on Small Cell Deployment**

Alfred Herrera, Herrera Law & Associates PLLC, Austin

**Taking the Zapruder Film: Facts and Fictions Relating to John F. Kennedy's Assassination**

Honorable Andrew Edison, U.S. Magistrate Judge, Southern District of Texas, Galveston

**From Charlottesville to Austin: One City's Journey to Reconcile Its Confederate History**

Neal Falgoust and Brion Oaks, City of Austin

**Alexa, Please State Your Name for the Record**

Gregory Miller, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, LLP, Austin

**Ethical Implications of Advancing Technology**

Ross Fischer, Ross Fischer Law, Austin

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**Handling the "Teflon" Employee**

Regina Moss, City of Tyler

**Update on Contracts Immunity**

Dan Richards and Daniel Riegel, Richards Rodriguez & Skeith LLP, Austin

**We Can't Regulate That?: Limitations on Municipal Land Use Regulation**

Terrence S. Welch, Brown & Hofmeister, L.L.P., Richardson

**The Racial and Gender Equity Assessment Process**

Anne Morgan and Brion Oaks, City of Austin

**Game Room Regulation: A Success Story**

Thomas A. Gwosdz, City of Victoria

**Update on Drug Testing and Trends**

Clarissa Rodriguez, Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech, P.C., San Antonio

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Randy Montgomery, D. Randall Montgomery and Associates, Dallas

**Implementing an Effective Right-of-Way Acquisition and Land Development Program**

Kayla Landeros, Naman Howell Smith & Lee, PLLC, Waco

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Stefanie Albright, Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C., Austin

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Jenny Hoelscher, Office of the Attorney General, Austin

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Evelyn Njuguna, Texas Municipal League, Austin

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Alan Bojorquez, Bojorquez Law Firm, PC, Austin

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Bill Longley, Texas Municipal League, Austin

**Redistricting**

Bob Heath, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, LLP, Austin

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Frank Garza, Davidson Troilo Ream & Garza, PC, San Antonio

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Scott Houston, Texas Municipal League, Austin

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Mark Goodner, Texas Municipal Courts Education Center, Austin

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Kuruvilla Oommen, City of Irving

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Julie Fort, Messer Fort & McDonald, PLLC, Frisco

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Jeff Coyle, City of San Antonio

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Jennifer Richie, City of Waco

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**Cybersecurity**

Aaron Hardiman, Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool, Austin

**Local Government Co-Ops Aren't Just for Widgets Anymore, but Where Is the Contract?**

Brenda McDonald, Messer Fort & McDonald, PLLC, Frisco

**Strategies for Processing PIA Requests**

Julie Doshier, Doshier Law, PLLC, Washington, D.C.

**Street-Smart**

Judith El Masri, Randle Law Office Ltd., L.L.P., Houston

**Who's Your Client? Exploring the Attorney-Client Relationship with Cities**

Daniel Olds, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, LLP, Austin

**Regulating Noise**

Andrew Quittner, City of Seguin

**Walk Hard: The Walking Quorum Story**

Joshua Katz, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, LLP, Austin

**Recent State Cases of Interest**

Laura Mueller, City of Dripping Springs

## **The Art of Procurement: Navigating the Code with a Focus on Construction Projects**

Jeff Chapman, The Chapman Law Firm, PLLC, Austin

## **Building Codes**

Derra Purnell, Olson & Olson, L.L.P., Houston

Hamid Naderi, International Code Council, Austin

Virgil Gonzalez, Building Officials Association of Texas (BOAT), Hidalgo

## **Real-Estate Issues for City Attorneys**

Allison Bastian-Rodriguez, Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech, P.C., Harlingen

## **COVID-19 Update**

Scott Houston and Amber McKeon-Mueller, Texas Municipal League

## **IMHO, the FYI on BYOD: Employment Law Update on Technology in the Workplace**

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

## **The Ultimate Dance Party**

Sherri Russell, City of Lake Jackson

## **Legislative Advocacy: Cities Are the Key to the State's Success**

Bill Longley and Monty Wynn, Texas Municipal League, Austin

## **Three Important Tips for Flood Mitigation Planning and Funding under SB 7 and SB 8**

Rebecca Andrews, Best Best & Krieger, LLP, Houston

Brooke Paup, Director, Texas Water Development Board, Austin

Kim Mickelson, City of Houston

## **Interim City Attorney for Fun and Profit**

Mick McKamie, Taylor Olson Adkins Sralla & Elam, LLP, San Antonio

## **Serving as Of-Counsel**

Dottie Palumbo, Bojorquez Law Firm, P.C., Austin

## **Statutory Construction for Voter-Approved Measures**

Danielle Folsom, City of Houston

## **U.S. Supreme Court Case Update**

Chuck Thompson, International Municipal Lawyers Association, Rockville, MD

## **Ultra Vires Claims – Where Did Your Immunity Go?**

Kevin Curley, Messer Fort & McDonald, Frisco

**Utility-Related Updates for 2020**

Cody Faulk and Jamie Mauldin, Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C., Austin

**Credit Access Business Regulation**

Chase Gomillion, City of Austin

**Rule 3.08 Considerations for Attorneys as General Counsel**

Ryan Henry, Law Offices of Ryan Henry, PLLC, San Antonio

**Retaliation Update**

Clarissa Rodriguez, Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech, P.C., San Antonio

**Conflicts of Interest**

Ben Gibbs, Taylor Olson Adkins Sralla & Elam, L.L.P., Fort Worth

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Thomas Gwosdz, City Attorney, City of Victoria

**Utility Rate Basics**

Heather Lockhart, Staff Attorney, New Braunfels Utilities, and Holly Heinrich, Assistant City Attorney, City of Austin

**COVID-19 and Takings**

Scott T. Doggett, Partner, and Jordan A. Miller, Partner, Baker Moran Doggett Ma & Dobbs LLP, Plano

**Can They Say That? Employee Speech for Public Employers**

Melissa Cranford, Senior Attorney, Messer Fort & McDonald, PLLC, Frisco

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Laura Mueller, City Attorney, City of Dripping Springs

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Ryan Henry, Law Offices of Ryan Henry, PLLC, San Antonio

**Employee Health Issues in the Wake of COVID-19: How Has the Pandemic Changed the Workplace?**

Katie Rutherford, Associate Attorney, Olson & Olson, LLP, Houston

**Update on Certificate of Convenience and Necessity Case Law**

Maris Chambers, Associate, Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C., Austin

**Cybersecurity is a Risky Business**

Will Trevino, Legal Counsel, Texas Municipal League, and Ryan Burns, Cyber Risk Services Manager, TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool, Austin

### **Utility Update**

Alfred R. Herrera, Herrera Law & Associates, PLLC, and Michael Tomsu and Taylor Holcomb, Vinson and Elkins, LLP, Austin

### **City Budget and Tax Rate Adoption Process**

Leela Fireside, Senior Assistant City Attorney, City of Austin

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### **Most Common Animal-Related Issues Affecting Cities**

Robyn Katz, Associate, Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C., Austin

### **Ethics**

Matthew Wade, Shareholder, Underwood Law Firm, P.C., Amarillo

### **Legislative Update**

Texas Municipal League Staff, Austin

### **Code Enforcement**

Janet Spugnardi, Deputy Senior Attorney, City of Irving, and Michelle Voirin, Chief Prosecutor, City of Plano

### **Fair Labor Standards Act**

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

### **Litigation Under the Public Information Act**

Neal Falgoust, Assistant City Attorney, City of Austin

### **Ethics, Obligations, and Potential Liability Related to Legal Opinion Letters: What Exactly Are You Signing?**

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

### **Recent Changes and Current Trends in Construction Contracts**

Jeff Chapman, The Chapman Firm PLLC, Austin

### **General Contracts**

Steven Weller and Daniel Olds, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, LLP, Austin

### **Lawyer Wellbeing in a New Age- Post Pandemic**

Chris Ritter, Director, Texas Lawyers Assistance Program, Austin, and Victor Flores, Assistant City Attorney, City of Brownsville

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Allison A. Bastian-Rodriguez, Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech, P.C.

### **The Role of City Attorney in Risk Management**

Scott Houston, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool

### **Defending Against the Expansion of Regulatory Taking Law**

John Hightower and Allison Killian, Olson & Olson, LLP

### **Implicit Bias**

Lowell Denton, Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech, PC

### **The Home Team Advantage: Working With Your City's PID Team to Ensure PID Project Success**

Veronica Rivera, The Knight Law Firm, LLP, and Gregory D. Miller, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, LLP

### **Ultra Vires, Platting and Shot Clock Certificate of Compliance**

Kevin Curley, Julie Fort, Messer, Fort and McDonald, PLLC

### **Flooding Liability for Texas Cities: When it Rains, It Floods**

Victor Flores, City of Brownsville, Interim City Attorney, and Eric Flores, City of Palmview, City Attorney

### **The Ethics Commission and You**

Michael McCann, Law Offices of Ryan Henry, PLLC

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Amber McKeon-Mueller, Legal Counsel, Texas Municipal League

### **Open Meetings Act**

Jennie Hoelscher, Division Chief, Office of the Attorney General of Texas

### **Public Information Act**

Andrea D. Russell, Attorney, Taylor, Olson, Adkins, Sralla & Elam, L.L.P.

### **Purchasing**

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

### **Personnel Law**

Maleshia B. McGinnis, City Attorney, North Richland Hills

### **Ethics**

Alan Bojorquez, Principal and Founder, Bojorquez Law Firm, Austin

### **Municipal Budget and Tax Rate**

Tad Cleaves, Legal Counsel, Texas Municipal League

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Christina Adkins, Texas Secretary of State

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Kevin Pagan, Attorney, Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado, Acosta LLP

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Charles E. Zech, Partner/Shareholder, Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech, P.C.

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Mark Goodner, General Counsel and Director of Education, Texas Municipal Courts Education Center

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

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Kuruvilla Oommen, City Attorney, Irving

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Julie Fort, Partner, Messer, Fort & McDonald, PLLC, Frisco

**Law Enforcement**

Sharae Reed, First Assistant City Attorney, Beaumont

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Jennifer Richie, Attorney, Waco

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**Workers' Compensation: What Every City Attorney Needs to Know**

Bobby Stokes and Kevin Poteete, Flahive, Ogden & Latson, P.C.

**Utility-Related Update**

Thomas L. Brocato and Roslyn Dubberstein, Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C.

**Municipal Borrowing in a Time of Climate Change**

Gregory Miller, Bickerstaff Health Acosta Delgado LLP

**Looking Into the Forms File of a City Attorney**

Barbara Quirk, Guevara Law, P.C.

**Ethical Conflicts with Individual Councilmembers**

Ross Fischer, Ross Fischer Law

**Civil Enforcement in Municipal courts of Record**

Ryan Henry, The Law Offices of Ryan Henry



**How to Fight a MUD and Why You Should**

Emily Rogers, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP

**Update, Status and Strategies on Short-Term Rental Litigation**

Matthew Boyle, Boyle & Lowry, LLP, and Janet Spugnardi, City of Irving

**The Great Resignation and Managing a Multigenerational Workforce**

Elizabeth M. Fraley and Stephen Rispoli, Baylor Law School

**Real Estate Drafting for City Attorneys**

Jonathan Koury, City of Bryan

**Meta-what Now? Navigating Your City Through the Next Evolution of Social Connection**

Will Trevino, City of Brownsville

**Municipal Regulation of Firearms Update**

Scott Houston, Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool

**Recent State Cases of Interest to Cities**

Laura Mueller, City of Dripping Springs

**Confidentiality and Leave Practices in the Time of COVID**

Melissa Cranford, Messer, Fort & McDonald PLLC

**Surety Bonds: How to Get Paid by a Surety**

Amy M. Emerson, Allensworth

**Getting Along with the Feds: Tips and Best Practices for Infrastructure Projects with a Federal Component**

Mary Beth Coburn and Lowry Crook, Best Best & Krieger

**Please Drink Responsibly**

Katie Leininger, City of Pearland, E. Joyce Iyamu, City of Missouri City, Derra Leigh Purnell, President, Houston Area Municipal Attorneys, and Randall B. Strong, The Law Office of Randall B. Strong

**Current Trends in City Charters**

Slater Elza, Underwood Law Firm P.C., and Charles E. Zech, Denton Navarro Bernal Rocha & Zech, P.C.

**Ethics: What Are Your Judge and Prosecutor Doing Nowadats?**

Robby Chapman, City of Bryan

**Promoting and Sustaining a Diverse Workforce**

Lashon Ross

**Employment Law Update**

Sarah Glaser and Sheila Gladstone, Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C.

**Latest Trends in Economic Development**

Carlton Schwab, Texas Economic Development Council

**Yes, Comment! Ethics and Best Practices for Dealing With the Media**  
Sylvia Firth, Bojorquez Law Firm, P.C., and Lora-Marie Bernard, MuniMedia

## **2022 Fall Conference Speaker Presentations**

### **Addressing the Worst of the Worst Nuisance Properties**

Savita Rai and Sam Adams, City of San Antonio

### **Sign Regulation Post *City of Austin v. Reagan***

Kelli Leisure, City of Lubbock

### **Ethics: Quality Legal Representation from the Client's Perspective**

Alan Bojorquez, (Moderator) Past TCAA President, William "Bert" Miller III, TAMCC, Ron Stutes, TCAA President, James Stokes, TCMA, and Amanda Campos, TMCA President

### **Bankruptcy in the Municipal Context**

Emily Wall, Cavazos Hendricks Poirot P.C.

### **Economic Development Case Studies**

Victor Flores, City of Brownsville, and Christina Weber, City of Irving

### **Insurance: The Costs of Contracting**

Scott Houston and Aaron Hardiman, TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool, and Jeff Chapman, The Chapman Firm

### **Fourth Amendment Excessive Force Claims**

Joshua Skinner, City of Arlington

### **Recent Federal Cases of Interest to Cities**

Randy Montgomery, D. Randall Montgomery & Associates, PLLC

### **Literary Challenges and the First Amendment**

Clarissa Rodriguez and Megan Santee, Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech, P.C.

### **Ethics: Third-Party Communications with Council and Staff**

Jason Rammel, Law Office of Jason M. Rammel, P.C., Habib Erkan, City of Burnet, and Mick McKamie, Taylor, Olson, Adkins, Sralla & Elam, L.L.P.