

SPEAKER AGENDA

***Texas City Attorneys Association
Summer Conference – Omni Barton Creek Resort & Spa, Austin
August 4-6, 2021***

13.25 Hours MCLE Credit, Including 2.25 Ethics Hours

Wednesday, August 4 (3 hours)

- 12:30 - 4:00 p.m. **Registration and Refreshments**
- 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. **A Strategic Look at Roberts Rules for Council Meetings**, Thomas Gwosdz, City Attorney, City of Victoria (.5 hour)
- 1:30 - 2:00 p.m. **Utility Rate Basics**, Heather Lockhart, Staff Attorney, New Braunfels Utilities, and Holly Heinrich, Assistant City Attorney, City of Austin (.5 hour)
- 2:00 - 2:30 p.m. **COVID-19 and Takings**, Scott T. Doggett and Jordan A. Miller, Baker Moran Doggett Ma & Dobbs LLP, Plano (.5 hour)
- 2:30 - 3:00 p.m. **Can They Say That? Employee Speech for Public Employers**, Melissa Cranford, Senior Attorney, Messer Fort & McDonald, PLLC, Frisco (.5 hour)
- 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. **Recent State Cases of Interest to Cities**, Laura Mueller, City Attorney, City of Dripping Springs (.5 hour)
- 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. **How to Amend Your Home-Rule Charter**, Ryan Henry, Law Offices of Ryan Henry, PLLC, San Antonio (.5 hour)
- 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. **TCAA Board of Directors Meeting**
- 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. **Welcome Reception hosted by Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, LLP**, at Omni Barton Creek Resort & Spa, Hill Country Pavilion

Thursday, August 5 (6.5 hours)

- 7:30 a.m. **Registration and Breakfast, hosted by Russell Rodriguez Hyde & Bullock, LLP**
- 8:00 - 8:45 a.m. **Opening Remarks**, Alan Bojorquez, TCAA President
- Welcome Remarks**, Anne Morgan, City Attorney, City of Austin
- Awards Presentations**

8:45 - 9:15 a.m.	Employee Health Issues in the Wake of COVID-19: How Has the Pandemic Changed the Workplace? Katie Rutherford, Associate Attorney, Olson & Olson, LLP, Houston (.5 hour)
9:15 - 9:45 a.m.	Update on Certificate of Convenience and Necessity Case Law, Maris Chambers, Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C., Austin (.5 hour)
9:45 - 10:15 a.m.	Cybersecurity Is A Risky Business, Will Trevino, Legal Counsel, Texas Municipal League and Ryan Burns, Cyber Risk Services Manager, TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool, Austin (.5 hour)
10:15 - 11:00 a.m.	Utility Update, Alfred R Herrera, Herrera Law & Associates, PLLC, and Michael Tomsu, and Taylor Holcomb, Vinson and Elkins, LLP, Austin (.75 hour)
11:00 - 11:30 a.m.	City Budget and Tax Rate Adoption Process, Leela Fireside, Assistant City Attorney, City of Austin (.5 hour)
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch on Your Own
1:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Recent Federal Cases of Interest, Randy Montgomery D. Randall Montgomery & Associates PLLC, Dallas (.5 hour)
1:30 - 2:00 p.m.	Most Common Animal-Related Issues Affecting Cities, Robyn Katz, Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C., Austin (.5 hour)
2:00 – 2:30 p.m.	Ethics, Matthew Wade, Underwood Law Firm, P.C., Amarillo (.5 ethics hour)
2:30 - 3:15 p.m.	Legislative Update, Snapper Carr, Focused Advocacy, and JJ Rocha, Grassroots and Legislative Services Manager, Texas Municipal League, Austin (.75 hour)
3:15 – 3:30 p.m.	Break
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Code Enforcement, Janet Spugnardi, Deputy City Attorney, City of Irving, and Michelle Voirin, Chief Prosecutor, City of Plano (1.0 hour)
4:30 - 5:00 p.m.	Fair Labor Standards Act, Sheila Gladstone, Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C., Austin (.5 hour)
5:00 p.m.	Adjourn
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Reception hosted by Taylor Olson Adkins Sralla & Elam, at Omni Barton Creek Resort & Spa, Wildflower Atrium

Friday, August 6 (3.75 hours)

8:00 - 8:30 a.m.	Registration
8:30 - 9:00 a.m.	Litigation Under the Public Information Act , Neal Falgoust, Assistant City Attorney, City of Austin (.5 hour)
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Ethics, Obligations and Potential Liability Related To Legal Opinion Letters: What Exactly Are You Signing? , Slater Elza, Underwood Law Firm, P.C., Amarillo (1.0 hour ethics)
10:00 - 10:45 a.m.	Construction Law Contracts , Jeff Chapman, The Chapman Firm PLLC, Austin (.75 hour)
10:45 – 11:00 a.m.	Break
11:00 - 11:45 a.m.	General Contracts – A Litigator’s Perspective , Steven Weller and Daniel Olds, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, LLP, Austin (.75 hour)
11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Ethics: Attorney Wellness , Chris Ritter, Director, Texas Lawyers Assistance Program, Austin, and Victor Flores, Assistant City Attorney, City of Brownsville (.75 ethics hour)
12:30 p.m.	Adjourn