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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

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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

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Ethics – Challenges Unique to City Attorneys

Alan Bojorquez, Bovey and Bojorquez, Austin

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Monte Akers, Akers and Boulware-Wells, Austin

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Bill Longley, Legal Counsel, Texas Municipal League

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

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Ross Fischer, City Attorney, Seguin

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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

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Jeff Moore, Brown and Hofmeister, Richardson

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Charles Anderson, City Attorney, Irving, and TCAA President

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Julian Grant, Office of the Attorney General, Austin

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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

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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

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Loren B. Smith, Olson and Olson, Houston

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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

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Hotel Tax Update

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

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

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

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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

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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

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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:

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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

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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

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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

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

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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

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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

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Immigration Issues for Cities

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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

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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

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The Texas Open Meetings Act at a Glance

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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

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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

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

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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
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Maricela Moore, Farrow-Gillespie & Heath, Dallas

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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.

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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

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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

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State Water Plan Planning 101

Emily Rogers, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, Austin

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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

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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

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Background Checks – When Are They Permissible

Monte Akers, Akers Law Firm, Austin

Outdoor Lighting Ordinances

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Ryan Henry, Law Offices of Ryan Henry, San Antonio

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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

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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

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Meredith Ladd, City Attorney, Carrollton

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Criminalized Information Flow

Miles Risley, City Attorney, Corpus Christi

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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

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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

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

Thomas Gswodz, City of Victoria

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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

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

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Scott Houston, Texas City Attorneys Association, Austin

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Jennifer Richie, City of Waco

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Marcus Norris, Underwood Law Firm, Amarillo

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Ron Stutes, Potter Minton, Tyler

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Lisa Mares, Brown & Hofmeister, Richardson

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Update on Contractual Immunity

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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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

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Municipal Court “Debtors Prison” Litigation

Chris Edwards and Sherry Statman, City of Austin

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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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Theresa James, City of San Angelo

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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

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

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Jerris Mapes, City of Killeen

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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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Tax Foreclosed Properties

Leann Guzman, City of Fort Worth

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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

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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

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

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Jay Warren, Marketing Communications Manager, Arlington

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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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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

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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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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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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

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Bob Heath, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, LLP, Austin

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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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A Strategic Look at Robert's Rules for Council Meetings

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

How to Amend Your Home Rule Charter

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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Randy Montgomery, D. Randall Montgomery & Associates, PLLC, Dallas

Most Common Animal-Related Issues Affecting Cities

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

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

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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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City as Landlord: Leasing Considerations for Municipalities

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

Statutory Interpretation

Daniel Olds, Daniel Olds, Clark Hill, PLC

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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Maleshia B. McGinnis, City Attorney, North Richland Hills

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

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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.

Municipal Court

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

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Sharae Reed, First Assistant City Attorney, Beaumont

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Jennifer Richie, Attorney, Waco

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

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

Municipal Borrowing in a Time of Climate Change

Gregory Miller, Bickerstaff Heath Acosta Delgado LLP

Looking Into the Forms File of a City Attorney

Barbara Quirk, Guevara Law, P.C.

Ethical Conflicts with Individual Councilmembers (Ethics)

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

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Scott Houston, Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool

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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 (Ethics)

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 Nowadays? (Ethics)

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 (Ethics)

Sylvia Firth, Bojorquez Law Firm, P.C., and Lora-Marie Bernard, MuniMedia

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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

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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.

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Regulating “Sin” Using Code Enforcement Tools (BYOBs, SOBs, etc.)

Janet Spugnardi, City of Irving, and Patricia Link, City of Austin

Public Facility Corporations: Their Impact on Economic Development and Taxes

Megan Mikutis and Brandon Morris, The Randle Law Office, L.L.P.

Eminent Domain 101

Philip B. Arnold, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP

Ethics: Third-Party Communications with Council and Staff (Part II)

Jason Rammel, Law Offices of Jason M. Rammel, P.C.

Habib Erkan, City of Burnet

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

Trends in City Charter Initiatives: San Antonio Justice Charter and El Paso Climate Charter

Andy Segovia, City of San Antonio, and Karla Nieman, City of El Paso

Strategies for Addressing Houselessness

M. Lucille Anderson and Marc Eichenbaum, City of Houston

Working with Delinquent Tax Collection Attorneys to Help Clean Up the City

Brandon Davis, Olson & Olson LLP

Public Corruption in Procurement

Theresa James, City of San Angelo

Jeff Andresen, FBI Special Agent

Nick Hanna, Former Texas Ranger

Don't Let Bumps Lead to Blunders: Pregnant Workers' Fairness Act (PWFA) and the Providing Urgent Maternal Protections (PUMP) for Nursing Mothers Act

Melissa Cranford, Messer, Fort & McDonald PLLC

AIA and Beyond: Protecting Cities as Building Owners

Dan Barrett, Gravely Law, PC

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Laura Mueller, City of Dripping Springs

Utility Regulatory Update

Jamie Mauldin and Roslyn Dubberstein, Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C.

How to Draft Procurement Documents and Contracts to Avoid Legal Uncertainty

Jeff Chapman, The Chapman Firm PLLC

Easements and Right-of-Way Challenges and Solutions

Jordan Miller, Baker Moran Doggett Ma & Dobbs LLP

Ethical Obligations of a City Attorney When a Councilmember is Sued Personally

Meredith Ladd, City of Carrollton

Texas Public Information Act Updates After COVID-19

Alyssa Castillon, Law Offices of Ryan Henry, PLLC

City Planning: Planners and Attorneys Communications

Skye Masson and Travis Baird, City of Georgetown

Remote Work and the Continuous Workday Rule

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

Local Bail Practices: Municipal Liability

Ben Stephens, Husch Blackwell LLP

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Snapper Carr, Focused Advocacy

Advice to New (and Not So New) City Attorneys

Art Pertile, Olson & Olson, LLP

Frank Garza, Davidson Troilo Ream & Garza, P.C.

Kathy Davis, City of Temple

Sylvia B. Firth, Bojorquez Law Firm, PC

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The Nuts and Bolts of a SOAH-Contested Case Hearing (including Virtual Hearings)

Stefanie Albright, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP

Employer Drug Testing

Laura Mueller, City of Dripping Springs

Training Staff to Deal with Uncivil People in a Civil Manner

Ron Stutes, Wilson, Robertson & Cornelius

Procurement Disputes: Preventing, Managing, and Litigating

Sandy Hellums-Gomez and Ben Stephens, Husch Blackwell

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