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2024 Spring Conference

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WSAMA 2024 SPRING CONFERENCE – AGENDA

WSAMA MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY BOOT CAMP – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24			
EVENT	TIME	SPEAKER AND DESCRIPTION	CLE: 3.5
WSAMA BOOT CAMP REGISTRATION	12:00-1:00 PM	Discovery Pre Function	
Introduction to WSAMA Discovery CDE	1:00-1:15 PM	Flannary Collins, WSAMA Secretary-Treasurer and MRSC Managing Attorney	None
City and Town Governance 101 Discovery CDE	1:15-2:00 PM	Bob Sterbank, Foster Garvey	.75
Enforcing City Municipal Codes Discovery CDE	2:00-2:30 PM	Stephanie Dikeakos, Assistant City Attorney, Director of Civil Enforcement Section, City of Seattle Cities often receive complaints about junk storage, vacant/derelict buildings, Environmentally Critical Areas violations, construction without the proper permits and many more nuisance conditions. This presentation will provide an overview of the civil enforcement tools available to cities in responding to citizen complaints. It will also provide guidance on effective investigations and using the legal process to gain compliance.	.5
Basic Duties, Liabilities, and Immunities of Municipal Officers and Torts Overview Discovery CDE	2:30-3:15 PM	Dan Lloyd, Assistant City Attorney, City of Vancouver and Robin Aronson, Risk Services Manager, Washington Citi This presentation will give a high-level overview of untried indictments and Requests for Final Disposition under RCW 9.98. We will discuss the relevant statutory provisions, procedural requirements for a valid Request for Final Disposition, and case law surrounding untried indictments and Requests for Final Disposition under RCW 9.98. This presentation will also provide information on what to do if you receive a request under RCW 9.98 and the logistics of having a defendant transferred from Department of Corrections custody to your jurisdiction.	.75
Break	3:15-3:30 PM	Discovery Pre Function	
Open Government Laws: Public Records Act and Open Public Meetings Act Discovery CDE	3:30-4:15 PM	Erik Lamb, Deputy City Manager, City of Spokane Valley Open Government 101: Washington’s Sunshine Laws—the Public Records Act, Ch. 42.56 RCW, and the Open Public Meetings Act, Ch. 42.30 RCW—provide for government transparency and accountability. Because issues dealing with public records and meetings of public agencies trickle to all corners of municipal government, every municipal lawyer should have at least a basic understanding of these laws. This presentation will touch on public records and public meeting procedures, along with best practices and other resources to aid in your municipal practice.	.75

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In Your Municipal Lawyer Era: Practical Aspects of Serving as a City Attorney Discovery CDE	4:15-5:00PM	Sara Watkins, City Attorney, City of Yakima Whether you are a new attorney just starting your municipal law journey, or a seasoned practitioner attending your 50th WSAMA conference, we have all found ourselves in situations where we need more than our municipal code book or the RCWs to navigate through an issue. This presentation will discuss practical tips for finding success as a municipal attorney.	.75
BOARD MEETING	5:00-6:00	Alder	
REGISTRATION	5:00 –7:00 PM	Discovery Pre Function	
WELCOME RECEPTION	6:00 – 7:00 PM	Heritage EF	

THURSDAY APRIL 25

EVENT	TIME	
Conference Registration	7 AM-5 PM	Discovery Pre Function
Breakfast	7:00-8:00	Heritage EF

JOINT SESSION – THURSDAY, APRIL 25

MODERATOR: Jonathan Young, City of Vancouver

TOPIC	TIME	SPEAKER AND DESCRIPTION	CLE: 4.15 Gen: 3.15; Ethics: 1.0
WSAMA Welcome Discovery ABC	8:00-8:30	Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor, City of Vancouver Dan Lloyd, WSAMA President, City of Vancouver	
Keynote Speaker Discovery ABC	8:30-9:15	Washington State Supreme Court Justice Raquel Montoya-Lewis Justice Montoya-Lewis will discuss how attorneys (particularly those who practice public law), can make the concept of access to justice an active part of their practice and their lives. We know that access to justice means more than joining committees that improve rules, forms and procedures--all of which matter and create important structures that can increase procedural fairness. Even with attorneys and staff members who strive to provide the best service to community members, we've all experienced the frustration, and sometimes the anger, of people who don't understand why "things work the way they do" and attorneys and staff find themselves in the position of explaining the why behind rules many communities experience as unfair and unjust. Using storytelling and her many years of experience as a judge, Justice Montoya-Lewis will share some of the solutions she's developed that can deescalate immediate situations and inform large scale decision-making that move us (and sometimes don't!) toward more equitable communities.	.75

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Artificial Intelligence and Municipal Attorneys: What to Do and How to Do It Discovery ABC	9:15-10:05	Noah Williams, Foster Garvey Curtis Chambers, Inslee Best	.8
Break	10:05-10:20	Discovery Pre Function	
Criminal Law Update Discovery ABC	10:20-11:10	Amanda Brusic, City of Yakima A summary of recent criminal law case law since the last WSAMA update in April. Most of these changes were researched by the Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys and are not an exhaustive review of Washington law.	.8
Facial Recognition and Other Emerging Technologies Discovery ABC	11:10-12:00	Brian Maxey, City of Seattle, Rebecca Boatright, City of Seattle Considerations for Civil Liability, Privacy and Constitutional Policing	.8
LUNCH & Ernest H. Campbell Award Heritage EF	12:00-1:30	Ernest H. Campbell Award: Joe Svoboda Introduction by: Tim Donaldson, Walla Walla and Dave Schneider, Lacey	
CONTINUED JOINT SESSION – THURSDAY, APRIL 25			
MODERATOR: Oskar Rey, Ogden Murphy Wallace			
Good Lawyer, Healthy Lawyer: Ethics & Wellbeing Discovery ABC	1:30-2:30	Charlotte Archer, Inslee Best Why taking care of ourselves is necessary to meet our ethical obligations as attorneys.	1.0
Break	2:30-2:45	Discovery Pre Function	

CIVIL SESSION – THURSDAY APRIL 25			
MODERATOR: Oskar Rey, Ogden Murphy Wallace			
TOPIC	TIME	SPEAKER AND DESCRIPTION	CLE CREDITS
Hot Topics in Land Use Law Discovery ABC	2:45-3:30	Darren Carnell, King County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office, Supervising Attorney – Land Use This session addresses current issues in land use. This presentation will summarize select state and federal, judicial and administrative decisions, and recently adopted legislation. The presentation will identify themes and trends that will affect legal developments in the coming years.	.75
An Election-Year Primer on Municipal Ballot Measures Discovery ABC	3:30-4:15	Deanna Gregory, Pacifica Law Group A primer on ballot measures and the ins-and-outs of the Public Disclosure Commission’s (PDC) guidelines for local governments in election campaigns. The presentation could cover the form and requirements of ballot measures,	.75

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		and the rules about what staff/electeds can and cannot publicly say as regards such measures	
Fires, Fists and Fatalities: A Qualified Immunity Update Discovery ABC	4:15-5:00	Thomas Miller, Keating Bucklin McCormack A review of some of the more interesting and notable qualified immunity cases from the Supreme Court and Courts of Appeals.	.75
Reception	5:30-7:00	Discovery DE	

CRIMINAL SESSION – THURSDAY APRIL 25			
MODERATOR: <i>Dena Burke, City of Bonney Lake</i>			
TOPIC	TIME	SPEAKER AND DESCRIPTION	CLE: 2.25
Competency in the Criminal Prosecution Realm Hemlock/Oak	2:45-3:15	Lorie Han, City of Seattle	.5
Ch. 9.98 RCW – Untried Indictments Applicable law, decision points, considerations Hemlock/Oak	3:15-3:45	Jamie Richardson, City of Seattle This presentation will give a high-level overview of untried indictments and Requests for Final Disposition under RCW 9.98. We will discuss the relevant statutory provisions, procedural requirements for a valid Request for Final Disposition, and case law surrounding untried indictments and Requests for Final Disposition under RCW 9.98. This presentation will also provide information on what to do if you receive a request under RCW 9.98 and the logistics of having a defendant transferred from Department of Corrections custody to your jurisdiction.	.5
DUI: Common challenges/responses – motions practice + BOLO Hemlock/Oak	3:45-5:00	Melanie Dane, TSRP, MRSC	1.25
Reception	5:30-7:00		

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EVENT	TIME	
BREAKFAST	7:30-8:30	Discovery DE
REGISTRATION	7:30-12:00	Discovery Pre Function
ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING	8:00-8:30	Discovery ABC

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MODERATOR: Sarah Doar, MRSC			
TOPIC	TIME	SPEAKER AND DESCRIPTION	CLE: 3.25 Gen: 2.25; Ethics: 1.0
The First Amendment, the PRA and Social Media Discovery ABC	8:30-9:00	Jessica Goldman, Summit Law Group We will discuss how public officials can navigate the First Amendment and the Public Records Act when using social media.	.5
Race and Equity Considerations for Local Governments Discovery ABC	9:00-9:45	Faith Pettis, Jamie Lisagor, Shweta Jayawardhan, and Nick Brown, Pacifica Law Group We will discuss strategies for providing meaningful legal advice to local governments on Race, Equity, and Social Justice (RESJ) initiatives. Although RESJ initiatives and the law often appear at odds, current case authority provides some flexibility for municipal lawyers and clients to collaborate in designing programs that advance RESJ objectives while mitigating risks. Initially, we will provide an overview of the applicable federal and state laws and the impact of the U.S. Supreme Court’s decisions in 2023. We then will discuss Washington’s groundbreaking new covenant homeownership law, as well as RESJ programs in public employment and contracting, and how these fit within the legal framework. We also will offer practical tips for municipal lawyers advising clients on local RESJ programs. Finally, we will share thoughts on pending cases involving race-conscious programs.	1.00
Break	9:45-10:00	Discovery Pre Function	
Continued: Race and Equity Considerations for Local Government Discovery ABC	10:00-11:00	Faith Pettis, Jamie Lisagor, Shweta Jayawardhan, and Nick Brown, Pacifica Law Group See previous session for description.	.75
Ripped From the Headlines, Part II: Ethics for the Government Lawyer Discovery ABC	11:00-12:00	Darcey Eilers, City of Kirkland & Steve DiJulio, Bob Sterbank, and Andrea Bradford, Foster Garvey This session continues our coverage of various ethical dilemmas encountered by municipal attorneys and the ways in which you might approach them. From perjury, to affairs, to councilmembers who like to spill the tea, we’ll talk through ways to help keep your city – or at least you – out of the headlines (the unfavorable ones, that is).	1.0
Golf Tee Time	1:00-6:00 PM	Orchard Hills Golf & Country Club	

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MODERATOR: <i>Cynthia Martinez, City of Yakima</i>			
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Felony Sentencing Overview Hemlock/Oak	8:30-9:00	Chad McClellan, City of Lacey Impact of municipal pros. on felony cases and collateral estoppel.	.5
Physical Evidence: Introducing evidence at trial. Hemlock/Oak	9:00-10:00	Joni Morse, City of Spokane Rules regarding introduction of evidence generally The Mechanics: Photos, Videos/Body Camera, Tox results, Certified documents (e.g. NCO/DOL), the real deal (bringing in the actual drugs/weapon/relevant items)	1.0
Break	10:00-10:15		
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Considerations Hemlock/Oak	10:15-11:15	Kevin McClure & Nikki Chen - City of Vancouver Considerations for Prosecutors re: implicit/explicit bias, disproportional impact, etc. including charging considerations, case dispositions; setting up a lens through which to view this process.	1.0 DEI
A New Era of Domestic Violence Prevention Hemlock/Oak	11:15-12:00	Hil Kaman, City of Everett Review DV charging language; arguments on pre-trial release and release conditions; filling out the pre-trial NCO and what to include; 2nd amendment considerations; sentencing recommendations and factors to consider; RCW Chapter 7.105; practical considerations and consequences.	.75
Golf Tee Time	1:00-6:00 PM	Orchard Hills Golf & Country Club	