

WSAMA SPRING 2024 CONFERENCE AGENDA

Vancouver Hilton

WSAMA MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY BOOT CAMP – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24			
EVENT	TIME	SPEAKER AND DESCRIPTION	CLE CREDITS: 3.5 (Gen: 3.5)
WSAMA MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY BOOT CAMP REGISTRATION	12:00-1:00 PM		
Introduction to WSAMA	1:00-1:15 PM	Flannary Collins, WSAMA Secretary-Treasurer and MRSC Managing Attorney	None
City and Town Governance 101	1:15-2:00 PM	Bob Sterbank, Foster Garvey	.75
Enforcing City Municipal Codes	2:00-2:30 PM	Stephanie Dikeakos, Assistant City Attorney, Director of Civil Enforcement Section, City of Seattle	.5
Basic Duties, Liabilities, and Immunities of Municipal Officers and Torts Overview	2:30-3:15 PM	Dan Lloyd, Assistant City Attorney, City of Vancouver and Robin Aronson, Risk Services Manager, Washington Cities Insurance Authority	.75
Break	3:15-3:30 PM		
Open Government Laws: Public Records Act and Open Public Meetings Act	3:30-4:15 PM	Ann Marie Soto, Madrona Law Group and Erik Lamb, Deputy City Manager, City of Spokane Valley	.75
Practical Aspects of Representing a City	4:15-5:00PM	Sara Watkins, City Attorney, City of Yakima	.75
BOARD MEETING	5:00-6:00		
REGISTRATION	5:00 –7:00 PM		
WELCOME RECEPTION	6:00 – 7:00 PM		

THURSDAY APRIL 25

EVENT	TIME	
Conference Registration	7 AM-5 PM	
Breakfast	7:00-8:30	

JOINT SESSION – THURSDAY, APRIL 25			
MODERATOR: James Erb, City of Bellingham			
TOPIC	TIME	SPEAKER AND DESCRIPTION	CLE CREDITS 4.15 (Gen: 3.15; Ethics: 1.0)
WSAMA Welcome	8:00-8:30	Dan Lloyd, WSAMA President, City of Vancouver	
Keynote Speaker	8:30-9:15	Washington State Supreme Court Justice Raquel Montoya-Lewis	.75
How Artificial Intelligence is Changing the Practice of Law for Municipal Attorneys: What to Do / Not Do, and How to Do It	9:15-10:05	Noah Williams, Foster Garvey	.8
Break	10:05-10:20		
Criminal Law Update	10:20-11:10	Amanda Brusica, City of Yakima	.8
Utilization of New Technologies for Law Enforcement	11:10-12:00	TBD	.8
LUNCH & Ernest H. Campbell Award Presented to: Joe Svoboda, Lacey Law Group	12:00-1:30	Introduction by: Tim Donaldson, Walla Walla and Dave Schneider, Lacey	

Wellness and Ethics	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		

CIVIL SESSION – THURSDAY APRIL 25			
<i>MODERATOR: TBD</i>			
TOPIC	TIME	SPEAKER AND DESCRIPTION	CLE CREDITS 2.25 (Gen: 2.25)
Hot Topics in Land Use Law	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	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, and the rules about what staff/electeds can and cannot publicly say as regards such measures	.75
Fires, Fists and Fatalities: A Qualified Immunity Update	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		

CRIMINAL SESSION – THURSDAY APRIL 25			
MODERATOR: Dena Burke, City of Bonney Lake			
TOPIC	TIME	SPEAKER AND DESCRIPTION	CLE CREDITS: 2.5 (Gen: 2.5)
Competency in the Criminal Prosecution Realm	2:30-3:15	TBD Competency concerns, processes, initial evaluations, restoration, applicable legislative updates, motions to show cause (regarding WSH/ESH compliance with transport/evals/timelines).	.75
Ch. 9.98 RCW – Untried Indictments Applicable law, decision points, considerations	3:15-3:45	TBD	.5
DUI Common challenges/responses – motions practice + BOLO	3:45-5:00	Melanie Dane, TSRP, MRSC	1.25
Reception	5:30-7:00		

FRIDAY – APRIL 26

EVENT	TIME	
BREAKFAST	7:30-8:30	
REGISTRATION	7:00-12:00	

CIVIL SESSION – FRIDAY APRIL 26			
MODERATOR: TBD			
TOPIC	TIME	SPEAKER AND DESCRIPTION	CLE CREDITS: 3.25 (Gen: 2.25; Ethics: 1.0)
Advising Councilmembers on Use of Social Media	8:30-9:00	Jessica Goldman, Summit Law Group First Amendment, PRA and OPMA considerations with councilmember use of social media for city business	.5

Race and Equity Considerations for Local Governments	9:00-10:00	<p>Faith Pettis, Jamie Lisagor, Shweta Jayawardhan, and Nick Brown, Pacifica Law Group</p> <p>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.</p>	1.00
Break	10:00-10:15		
Continued: Race and Equity Considerations for Local Government	10:15-11:00	<p>Faith Pettis, Jamie Lisagor, Shweta Jayawardhan, and Nick Brown, Pacifica Law Group</p> <p>See previous session for description.</p>	.75
Ripped From the Headlines, Part II: Ethics for the Government Lawyer <i>Replace with Charlotte Archer’s presentation? Or put Charli’s in place of removed am session?</i>	11:00-12:00	<p>Darcey Eilers, City of Kirkland Steve DiJulio, Jay Donovan, and Adrian Winder, Foster Garvey</p> <p>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).</p>	1.0
Golf Tee Time	1:00-6:00 PM		

CRIMINAL SESSION – FRIDAY APRIL 26

MODERATOR: Cynthia Martinez, City of Yakima

TOPIC	TIME	SPEAKER AND DESCRIPTION	CLE CREDITS: 3.25 (Gen: 2.25 DEI 1.0)
Felony Sentencing Overview Impact of municipal pros. on felony cases and collateral estoppel.	8:30-9:00	Chad McClellan, City of Lacey	.5
Physical Evidence Introducing evidence at trial	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	10:15-11:15	Kevin McClure, 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	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		