



AAMA/AMJA Fall Municipal Law Conference

October 15-October 17, 2026 | The Lodge at Gulf State Park, Gulf Shores,



Check in/registration begins at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 15. **Reception for all attendees from 6:00-8:00 pm in the Gulfview Ballroom I and II at The Lodge at Gulf State Park.**

Thursday, October 15 Attorneys Track

1:00-2:00 p.m.	It's My Birthday and I Can Talk About Municipal Contracts if I Want To <i>Jim Stanley, Attorney (City of Birmingham)</i>
2:00-2:45 p.m.	Mitigating Planning - Public Records Loss <i>Becky Hebert, State and Local Records Coordinator (Alabama Department of Archives and History)</i>
2:45-3:30 p.m.	The Ken Smith Caselaw Update <i>Mary Elizabeth Dial, Associate Counsel (Alabama League of Municipalities)</i>
3:30-3:45 p.m.	BREAK
3:45-4:30 p.m.	2026 Legislative Review <i>Kaleb Beck, Legislative Counsel (Alabama League of Municipalities)</i>
4:30-5:30 p.m.	Ethics: Balancing The Scales: Wellness and Self Care for Lawyers <i>Lori Lein, Attorney (Lein and Associates LLC)</i>

Thursday, October 15 Judges/Prosecutors Track

1:00-2:00 p.m.	2026 Attorney General Update <i>Steve Marshall, Attorney General (State of Alabama)</i>
2:00-3:00 p.m.	When Misdemeanor Decisions Matter: Escalation and Lethality Risk in DV Cases <i>Meredith Montgomery-Price, Executive Director Founder (The Megan Montgomery Foundation)</i>
3:00-3:15 p.m.	BREAK
3:15-4:15 p.m.	Serving Justice and Shaping Policy: Insights from Legislators Who Serve as Municipal Judges Rep. Bryan Brinyark, (House of Representatives) Judge (City of Centerville); Rep. Prince Chestnut, (House of Representatives); Sen. Merika Coleman (Alabama Senate); Judge (City of Birmingham)
4:15-5:15 p.m.	The Municipal Judge's Tightrope : Balancing Independence , Accountability, and Court Leadership <i>Amanda Stanley, Attorney (League of Kansas Municipalities)</i>



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Friday, October 16 Attorneys Track

8:00-9:00 a.m.	What You Need to Know as a New Municipal Attorney <i>Ben Goldman, Attorney (Hand, Arendall Harrison Sale LLC)</i>
9:00-10:00 a.m.	Crimigration 101 <i>Roman Maney, Associate Regional Counsel ; Autumn Cheramie , Associate Regional Counsel (Department Homeland Security & Customs Enforcement)</i>
10:00-10:15 a.m.	BREAK
10:15-11:15 a.m.	Handling Pro Se Litigants/Sovereign Citizens <i>Mark Boardman, Attorney (Boardman, Carr, Petelos, Watkins, Ogle & Howard, PC)</i>
11:15-12:00 a.m.	Attorney General Opinions Update <i>Christy Coan, Assistant Attorney General in the Opinions Division of the Attorney General (State of Alabama)</i>
12:00-12:15 a.m.	AAMA Business Meeting

Friday, October 16 Judges/Prosecutors Track

8:00-9:00 a.m.	TBD <i>Mark Boardman, Attorney (Boardman, Carr, Petelos, Watkins, Ogle & Howard, PC)</i>
9:00-10:00 a.m.	Expungement Cases and Ethical Considerations <i>Steve Shaw, Attorney (Wallace, Jordan, Ratliff & Brandt)</i>
10:00-10:15 a.m.	BREAK
10:15-11:15 a.m.	Ethics: Process and Procedure of the Judicial Inquiry Commission <i>Jacob Jackson, Attorney (Alabama Judicial Inquiry Commission)</i>
11:15-12:15 p.m.	Update on Ignition Interlock Devices, etc. <i>Samantha Naramore, Attorney (Alabama Law Enforcement Agency)</i>
12:15-12:30 p.m.	AMJA Business Meeting



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8:00-8:45 a.m.	Affirmative Litigation for Municipalities: Evaluating Opportunities and Managing Risks Keith Jackson, Attorney (Riley & Jackson PC)
8:45-9:45 a.m.	Ask Your Seasoned Attorney Round Table Discussion <i>Rob Johnston, Director of Legal Services (Alabama League of Municipalities); Ronald Davis, Attorney (City of Northport); April Danielson, Attorney (Hand Arendall Harrison Sale LLC)</i>
9:45-10:00 a.m.	BREAK
10:00-10:45 a.m.	Data Centers <i>Shelby Morris, Attorney (City of Madison); Julie Barnard, Attorney (City of Birmingham)</i>
10:45-11:45 a.m.	Federal Redistricting <i>John Smith, Attorney (Balch & Bingham LLP) ; Michael Taunton, Attorney (Balch & Bingham LLP)</i>

Saturday, October 17 Judges/Prosecutors Track

8:00-9:00 a.m.	Judicial Administration Funds and Court Costs <i>Susan Fuqua, Magistrate (City of Hoover)</i>
9-9:30 a.m.	State of Municipal Courts <i>K.C. Hairston, Attorney (Balch & Bingham LLP); Susan Fuqua, Magistrate (City of Hoover)</i>
9:30-10:00 a.m.	Resisting Arrest & Disorderly Conduct: How Much Abuse are Officers Required to Take? <i>Liz Young, Attorney (Dummier Young LLC)</i>
10:00-10:15 a.m.	BREAK
10:15-11:15 a.m.	DUI 101 <i>Jason Neff, Judge (City of Vance/Brookwood), Prosecutor (City of Centreville)</i>
11:15-12:15 p.m.	2026 Legislative Updates <i>Erin Dunagan, Legal Director (Administrative Office of Courts of Alabama)</i>