

# 2024

# Fall Municipal Law Conference

The Lodge at Gulf State Park, Gulf Shores, Alabama  
October 24 - 26, 2024

**Check in/registration begins at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 24.**  
**Reception for all attendees from 6 - 7:30 p.m. is at the Dunes Terrace, The Lodge at Gulf State Park.**

## Thursday, October 24 Attorneys Track

1 - 1:45 p.m.	<b>Nuisance Abatement</b> <i>Joseph Abrams, Staff Attorney; Nicole King, City Attorney (City of Birmingham)</i>
1:45 - 2:15 p.m.	<b>Open Meeting Act</b> <i>Ken Smith, retired Executive Director (Alabama League of Municipalities)</i>
2:15 - 2:45 p.m.	<b>2024 Alabama Legislative Update</b> <i>Kaleb Beck, League Counsel (Alabama League of Municipalities)</i>
2:45 - 3 p.m.	Break
3 - 3:30 p.m.	<b>Elections Preparation for the 2025 Municipal Election</b> <i>Rob Johnston, Director of Legal Services (Alabama League of Municipalities)</i>
3:30 - 4:15 p.m.	<b>Election Day is Upon Us: Free Speech for Municipal Employees</b> <i>Christine Hart, Attorney (Hand Arendall Harrison Sale, LLC)</i>
4:15 - 5:15 p.m.	<b>Ethics: Mental Health &amp; Wellness</b> <i>Lori Lein, Attorney (Lein &amp; Associates, LLC)</i>

## Thursday, October 24 Judges/Prosecutors Track

1 - 2 p.m.	<b>New Law Impacting Municipal Courts</b> <i>Eric Locke, General Counsel (Administrative Office of Courts)</i>
2 - 3 p.m.	<b>State Forensic Update Related to Municipal Court Cases</b> <i>Michael Weaver, Forensic Toxicologist (Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences)</i>
3 - 3:15 p.m.	Break
3:15 - 4:15 p.m.	<b>Dealing with Domestic Abuse Cases</b> <i>Dr. Ben Short, Domestic Violence Consultant</i>
4:15 - 5:15 p.m.	<b>Municipal Court Bail Bond Litigation Update</b> <i>John Smith, Attorney; Michael Taunton, Attorney; Tripp Demoss, Attorney (Balch and Bingham)</i>



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## Friday, October 25 Attorneys Track

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	<b>Employer Support of the Guard &amp; Reserve: Federal and State Law Employees Employed by the Municipality</b> <i>Mark Boardman, Attorney (Boardman, Carr, Petelos, Watkins, Ogle &amp; Howard, P.C.)</i>
9:00 - 9:45 a.m.	<b>Current Employment Issues for Municipalities (panel discussion)</b> <b>Moderator:</b> <i>Shelby Morris, Attorney (Hand Arendall Harrison Sale, LLC)</i> <b>Panelists:</b> <i>Megan Zingarelli (City of Madison); Tracy Hill (City of Pelham); Byron Thomas (City of Huntsville)</i>
9:45 - 10:00 a.m.	<b>Break</b>
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	<b>The Culley Case (panel discussion)</b> <b>Moderator:</b> <i>David Sikes (Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation)</i> <b>Panelists:</b> <i>Tom Gaillard (City of Satsuma); Ed Howard (City of Leesburg); Steve Marshall (Alabama Attorney General); Eddie LaCour (Alabama Solicitor General); Ed Haden (Balch &amp; Bingham)</i>
11:00 - 11:45 a.m.	<b>Internal Audits</b> <i>Mickey McInnish, Retired Attorney (City of Montgomery); Julie Barnard, Staff Attorney (City of Birmingham)</i>
11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	<b>Law Enforcement Liability</b> <i>Terry Sanders; Louis Zook (Safe Risk Loss Control Services LLC Contractors)</i>
12:30 - 12:45 p.m.	<b>AAMA Business Meeting</b>

## Friday, October 25 Judges/Prosecutors Track

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	<b>Interlock Devices, Hardship Licenses, CDL Masking and Related Questions</b> <i>Samantha Naramore, Attorney (Alabama Law Enforcement Agency)</i>
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	<b>Criminal Law and Evidence Rules Updates</b> <i>John Lentine, Attorney (Sheffield and Lentine, PC)</i>
10:00 - 10:15 a.m.	<b>Break</b>
10:15 - 11:15 a.m.	<b>Mental Health Identification of Defendants and Crisis Intervention Training</b> <i>Reggie Parker, Behavior Health Coordinator (City of Hoover)</i>
11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	<b>State of the State Court</b> <i>Sarah Stewart, Associate Justice (Alabama Supreme Court)</i>
12:15 - 12:30 p.m.	<b>AMJA Business Meeting</b>



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8 - 8:45 a.m.	<b>Attorney General's Opinions</b> <i>Wes Shaw, Assistant Attorney General (Opinions Division, Alabama Attorney General's Office)</i>
8:45 - 9:15 a.m.	<b>Artificial Intelligence: Contract Analysis</b> <i>Tenee' Frazier, Senior Legal Editor (Municipal Government, Thomson Reuters)</i>
9:15 - 10:15 a.m.	<b>First Amendment Audit</b> <i>John Wilkerson, General Counsel (Arkansas League of Municipalities)</i>
10:15 - 10:30 a.m.	<b>Break</b>
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	<b>Municipal PFAS Challenge: Understanding Permitting, Regulatory and Enforcement Issues for Public Water and Waste Water Utility</b> <i>Steven Torres, Attorney (West Group Law, PLLC)</i>
11:30 - Noon	<b>Federal and Caselaw Update</b> <i>Ken Smith, retired Executive Director (Alabama League of Municipalities)</i>

## Saturday, October 26 Judges/Prosecutors Track

8 - 9 a.m.	<b>Rules of Criminal Procedure: Top Used Provisions for Municipal Courts</b> <i>Stephen Shaw, Attorney (Wallace, Jordan, Ratliff &amp; Brandt, LLC)</i>
9 - 10 a.m.	<b>Ethics Decisions Impacting Judges and Municipal Courts</b> <i>Jacob Jackson, Staff Attorney (Judicial Inquiry Commission)</i>
10 - 10:15 a.m.	<b>Break</b>
10:15 - 11:15 a.m.	<b>Update of ALEA's Municipal Criminal Records/Disposition Collection Process</b> <i>Maury Mitchell, State Crime Information Director (Alabama Law Enforcement Agency)</i>
11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	<b>DUI Trials 101</b> <i>Whitney Polson, Attorney (Polson &amp; Polson, PC)</i>



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