

FLORIDA MUNICIPAL ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION

42nd

ANNUAL SEMINAR

**Naples Grande Beach Resort
July 25-27, 2024**



General Information

The 42nd Annual Seminar of the Florida Municipal Attorneys Association (FMAA) will be held at **Naples Grande Beach Resort July 25-27, 2024.**

The seminar will begin on Thursday afternoon at 12:45 p.m. with sessions on Friday and Saturday mornings. A tentative program has been included as a general representation of topics to be discussed. Although unlikely, the tentative program is subject to change.

A reception including cocktails and light hors d'oeuvres is planned for Thursday evening. Up to two tickets for the reception are included in the registration fee. Additional reception tickets may be purchased at a cost of \$15.00 for children ages 5-12 and \$25.00 for children older than 12 and adults. A luncheon is planned for Friday afternoon, and one ticket is included in the registration fee. Additional luncheon tickets may be purchased for \$25.00.

SEMINAR REGISTRATION

You are encouraged to register in advance to avoid delays at the seminar registration desk. Please fill out the enclosed **Seminar Registration Form** and return it with all registration fees to the **Florida Municipal Attorneys Association, P.O. Box 1757, Tallahassee, FL 32302-1757**. If you have any questions, contact Sheri Beal or Melanie Howe at 850.222.9684.

Checks should be made payable to the **Florida Municipal Attorneys Association**. Visa, Mastercard or American Express payments are also accepted but must be made **online only**. When your registration form is received, a confirmation of registration will be emailed.

Please note: If you are physically challenged and require special services, or if you have special dietary needs, please attach a written description to your registration form.

Online Registration

FMAA offers a convenient online registration option through our website at **fmaa.us**. Simply follow the instructions and complete the registration form. If you need login or password assistance, please contact Melanie Howe at **mhowe@flcities.com**.

Registration Fee

The early registration fee for the 42nd Annual Seminar is **\$400.00** and must be postmarked on or before **July 8, 2024**. Registrations postmarked after July 8 will be subject to the regular registration fee of **\$450.00**. This fee covers all refreshment breaks, two tickets for the reception on Thursday evening, one Friday luncheon ticket and all printed materials.

Refunds

In the event prepaid registrants find it impossible to attend the seminar, an email sent to **mhowe@flcities.com** by **5:00 p.m. Friday, July 12, 2024**, will authorize a full refund. Prepaid registrants not canceled by that time will be included in the guaranteed attendance count. Because of the need to give advance guarantees, no refunds can be made after after July 12 or for early departure from the seminar. All refunds will be made after the event.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

The **Naples Grande Beach Resort** is the location for the FMAA Seminar in 2024. FMAA has negotiated the reduced rate of **\$259.00/night** for run-of-house guest rooms.

The hotel charges a daily resort amenities fee that has been reduced for FMAA to **\$20.00/night**. This fee includes complimentary internet access in guestrooms; bicycle, kayak and paddleboard rentals and other services.

Self-parking has been reduced to **\$10.00/day**, and valet is **\$20.00/day**.

Reservation Procedures

Reservations should be made via an online link that you will receive with your registration confirmation. Reservations must be made by **July 3, 2024**, to help ensure rate and availability. Remember that we are unable to guarantee reservations for anyone, nor the exact date when the hotel block will sell out, **so don't delay**.

Resort Policies

A one-night deposit is required at the time of reservation booking. Cancellations must be made at least three days in advance of scheduled arrival in order to receive a refund of the deposit.

For complete details about the resort, visit their website at *naplesgrande.com*.

FMAA Tentative Program

*Please note that the following sessions are included as **tentative topics and subject to speaker confirmation**. If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca O'Hara or Sheri Beal at 850.222.9684.*

THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2024

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Registration Desk Open

12:45 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Announcements and Introductions

1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Labor and Employment

1. **Title VII Claims:** An update on Title VII of the Civil Rights Act.
2. **Harassment and Hostile Work Environment Claims:** A presentation on claims arising from the conduct of elected officials.
3. **The USERRA and the Florida Whistleblower Act:** An overview and update on the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act and the Florida Whistleblower Act.

2:20 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Municipal Elected Officials

1. **When Elected Officials Sue:** A presentation addressing legal and ethics complaints filed by elected officials against the municipality or against another elected official.
2. **Keeping Shade Meetings Compliant and Confidential:** An overview of shade meetings, including who may be present and their respective roles, elected officials and disclosure of confidential settlement information, and city attorney-client representation issues.

3. **Elected Official Removal and Vacancies:** A discussion of statutory requirements, best practices and legal issues for the municipal attorney.
4. **Elected Officials and Their Social Media Accounts:** An overview of legal issues and case law updates regarding social media use by elected officials.

4:05 p.m. - 4:55 p.m.

Technology

1. **Cybersecurity:** What municipal attorneys need to know about cybersecurity compliance and management.

5:30 p.m.

Reception

FRIDAY, JULY 26, 2024

7:45 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

7:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Registration Desk Open

8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

Legislative Update

1. **2024 Legislative Session Update:** A presentation on new legislation affecting municipalities.
2. **Special Districts:** A review of recent legislative changes affecting dependent and independent special districts.

9:20 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.

Nuts and Bolts

1. **Code Enforcement:** A review of statutory code enforcement processes, including available remedies for addressing code violations, constitutional claims by defendants and how to address non-property code violations.

FRIDAY, JULY 26, 2024 (CONTINUED)

2. **The Florida Division of Administrative Hearings (DOAH):**

An overview of DOAH and its relevance to municipal law practice, including a discussion of recent decisions and procedural and evidentiary issues.

3. **Principles of Statutory Construction:** A discussion of key concepts to know as modern jurists lean into strict construction and reduced deference.

10:40 a.m. - 11:55 a.m.

Hot Topics I

1. **Public-Private Partnerships:** An update on the legal aspects of P3s.
2. **The Clean Water Act's Section 404 Program:** A review of why the legal status of the federal government's delegation of dredge and fill permitting to the State of Florida matters to municipalities.
3. **The Live Local Act:** A presentation on recent changes to the Live Local Act and implementation issues faced by municipalities.

12:00 p.m.

Luncheon

Award Presentation: Paul S. Buchman Award

Business Meeting: Election and installation of officers and discussion of future seminar locations.

SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2024

7:45 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

7:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Registration Desk Open

8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

Land Use

1. **Comprehensive Plan Amendments:** An overview of the comprehensive planning process and an update on consistency challenges to comprehensive plan amendments.
2. **Mobility Fees:** An update on the legal issues and challenges associated with implementing mobility fee programs.
3. **Transfers of Development Rights:** An overview and update on legal issues associated with the use of transfers of development rights.

9:20 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Attorney Ethics

1. **Local Government Witnesses in Ethics and Criminal Investigations:** A presentation on representation and conflict issues for the municipal attorney.
2. **Attorney Ethics Issues in Police Liability:** What the municipal attorney needs to know about representation and conflict issues arising in police liability matters.

SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2024 (CONTINUED)

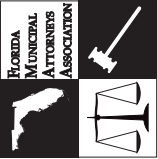
11:05 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

Hot Topics II

1. **First Amendment Agitators and Audits:** A look at evolving First Amendment jurisprudence relating to speaking, filming or recording in government buildings and on government property.
2. **Sea-Level Rise, Resiliency and Land Use:** A discussion of legal considerations in planning for rising tides and increased flooding.
3. **Panhandling Ordinances:** A discussion of best practices for avoiding legal problems.

12:20 p.m.

Adjourn



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Please Note:

Hotel Reservation Deadline: July 3, 2024

Early Registration Deadline: July 8, 2024

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