

FLORIDA MUNICIPAL ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION

43rd

ANNUAL SEMINAR

**The Boca Raton
July 24-26, 2025**



General Information

The 43rd Annual Seminar of the Florida Municipal Attorneys Association (FMAA) will be held at **The Boca Raton July 24-26, 2025.**

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, 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 43rd Annual Seminar is **\$400.00** and must be postmarked on or before **July 7, 2025**. Registrations postmarked after July 7 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 11, 2025**, 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 July 11 or for early departure from the seminar. All refunds will be made after the event.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

The historic South Florida resort, **The Boca Raton**, is the location for the FMAA Seminar in 2025. Visit their website at ***thebocaraton.com*** for full details.

Various rooms types and rates are available at the resort. Please note that FMAA is unable to guarantee the availability of any particular room type or rate.

Bungalow Room: \$205/night
Cloister Estate Guestrooms: \$220/night
Tower Guestroom: \$239/night
Bungalow One-Bedroom Suite: \$305/night
Yacht Club Junior Suite: \$325/night
Beach Club Ocean Vista: \$325/night
Tower Junior Suite: \$360/night

The Boca Raton charges a daily resort amenities fee that has been reduced for FMAA to **\$15.00 per room**. This fee includes complimentary internet access in guestrooms, private beach services, resort shuttle, and water taxi. Valet parking for FMAA guests will also be reduced by 50% to **\$27.50/night** (based on currently advertised resort parking rates).

Reservation Procedures

Reservations should be made via an online link that you will receive with your registration confirmation. Reservations must be made by **June 30, 2025**, 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

Check-in time is after 4:00 p.m. Check-out time is before 11:00 a.m. Cancellations must be made at least three days in advance of scheduled arrival in order to avoid a penalty. A credit card is required to guarantee reservations. Tax-exempt forms must be shown at time of payment or sent with payment if paying in advance.

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 24, 2025

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

Registration

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

Announcements and Introductions

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

Liability, Litigation, and Dispute Resolution

1. **Tort and Civil Rights Liability Update:** An update on recent legal developments in local government tort liability and civil rights liability.
2. **Attorney's Fee Obligations Owed Public Officials:** A review of the obligations of the municipality to reimburse city officials for attorney's fees incurred in connection with their public duties.
3. **Government vs. Government:** A presentation on Chapter 164 dispute resolution processes and legal considerations.

2:20 p.m. - 3:35 p.m.

Public Meetings and Public Records

1. **Parliamentary Procedures:** Best practices for the city attorney and alternatives to Robert's Rules.
2. **The First Amendment and Public Meetings:** A presentation covering First Amendment considerations at public meetings and recent case law.

3. **Public Records:** An update on Florida public records law, including what is and what is not a public record, and considerations when using third-party vendors.

3:40 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Technology

1. **Artificial Intelligence:** Municipal legal issues arising from the use of AI in the municipal workplace, including public records aspects and the use of municipal AI policies.

4:35 p.m. - 5:25 p.m.

Land Use and Development

1. **How to Improve Land Use Outcomes:** Practice pointers from land use, transportation, and environmental experts for better municipal land use and development outcomes.

6:00 p.m.

Reception

FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2025

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

Continental Breakfast

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

Registration

8:00 a.m. - 9:40 a.m.

Nuts and Bolts

1. **Noise Ordinances:** The good, the bad, and the ugly.
2. **Cutting Through the Noise of Ethics Complaints:** An overview of select topics relating to the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees.
3. **Elections and the City:** A review of election issues often faced by municipalities.

9:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Hot Topics I

1. **Unauthorized Public Camping and Sleeping:** Legal issues for law enforcement officers and effective intergovernmental coordination for compliance with Florida's new law.

FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2025 (CONTINUED)

- 2. **Charter Amendments, Citizen Initiatives, and Referenda:** Substantive and procedural considerations relating to proposed charter amendments and citizen referenda.
- 3. **A Riddle Wrapped in a Mystery Inside an Enigma:** Understanding the 2025 federal grant and contracting changes.

11:05 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **Hot Topics II**

- 1. **2025 Legislative Session Recap:** A presentation on legislation passed in the 2025 legislative session that impacts municipalities.
- 2. **Housing Update:** Recent changes to laws relating to housing and land development.

12:15 p.m. **Luncheon**

Award Presentation: Paul S. Buchman Award
Business Meeting: Election and installation of officers

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2025

7:45 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**

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

8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. **Land Use**

- 1. **Quasi-Judicial Land Use Decisions:** Procedural and substantive considerations for quasi-judicial land use matters, including recent case law.
- 2. **Moratoria and Zoning in Progress:** The purposes of and legal requirements for building and development moratoria.
- 3. **Telecommunications Update:** The applicability of municipal land development regulations and zoning to telecommunications activities.

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

Attorney Ethics and Professionalism

1. **Ethical Issues of Internal Investigations by the City Attorney:**

A presentation covering what happens when matters inside the city require internal investigation by the office of the city attorney or outside counsel. The presentation will address the rules, commentary, and analysis from the Florida Bar Rules of Professional Conduct implicated when these scenarios play out.

2. **Attorney Professionalism:** Effective use of emotional intelligence for navigating the multiple roles of the city attorney, including its applications for managing a law practice or city legal department, working with members of the public, and handling public meetings.

11:05 a.m. - 11:55 a.m.

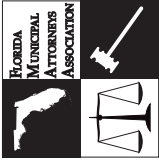
Finance and Taxation

1. **Public Purpose Beyond Bonds:** The applicability of the public purpose requirement to municipal expenditures.

2. **Community Redevelopment:** An update on legal requirements associated with community redevelopment areas.

12:00 p.m.

Adjourn



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Please Note:

Early Registration Deadline: July 7, 2025

Hotel Reservation Deadline: June 30, 2025

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