

**Programs presented by the Institute of Local Government  
Attorneys at the 2022 Annual League of Municipalities  
Convention**

**Wednesday, November 16, 2022**

**10:15 AM - 10:45 AM - Room 314**

**Welcome & Introduction to Programs and CLE requirements**

Co-sponsored with NJLM

An update on legislative issues in the State of New Jersey

Welcome:

Richard Cushing, Esq., Gebhardt & Kiefer

Michele R. Donato, Esq., First Vice President, NJILGA

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**10:45 AM - 12:00 PM - Room 314**

**Muddy Waters, Emerging Issues in Municipal Use of Social  
Media**

Co-sponsored with NJLM

The continually developing topics of local government employees, governing bodies, departments, boards and commissions will get input to better understand the emerging issues in municipal use of social media.

Presiding:

Tara St. Angelo, Esq., Gebhardt & Kiefer

Speaking:

Tara St. Angelo, Esq.

Janice Kovach, Mayor, Clinton Township

Steven Kleinman, Esq., Cleary Giacobbe

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**2:00 PM - 3:15 PM - Room 313**

**Topics in Local Government Ethics**

Co-sponsored with NJLM

An update on recent case decisions and rulings that offer various scenarios involving local government ethics issues. NJCLE-1.5 Eth; PACLE-1.0 Eth.

Presiding:

Joseph Wenzel, Esq, Friend and Wenzel LLC

Speaking:

John Gillespie, Esq.

Edward Buzak, Esq.

Dana Jones, Local Finance Board staff, DLGS, NJDCA

Nick Bennett, Local Finance Board staff, DLGS, NJDCA

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**3:45 PM - 5:00 PM - Room 321**

**Attorneys & Engineers - Perfect Together**

**Municipal Land Use Law - Bonding Requirements; Engineering contracts with Local Government; and Municipal Enforcement & Liability**

Joint session with NJSME

Co-sponsored with NJLM

A joint presentation of the New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys and the New Jersey Society of Municipal Engineers. Topics will include responsibilities regarding stormwater management, contract law, breach of contract, liability, ethics, day to day issues with contractors, elected officials, administration and residents.

NJCLE-1.8; PACLE-1.5; CPC-1.5

Moderator:

Ronald Cucchiaro, Esq., Partner, Weiner Law Group

Speaking:

Thomas Collins, Esq., Partner, Vogel, Chait, Collins and Schneider

Robert Regan, Esq.

Joseph A. Pomante, P.E., Boswell Engineering

Farah Gilani, P.E., Fastech Consulting Engineers

Olga Garcia, P.E., City of Hoboken

Dan Burke, P.E., City of New Brunswick

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**3:45 PM - 5:00 PM - Room 314**

**New Jersey Public Sector Law Update**

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NJCLE - 1.2; PACLE - 1.0

Management in the public sector with a focus on labor and employment law for municipalities and government entities, employee discipline; employee termination and union activities will be addressed.

Presider:

Matthew Giacobbe, Esq., Cleary Giacobbe

Moderator:

Leslie Parikh, Esq., Gebhardt & Kiefer

Speaking:

Matthew Giacobbe, Esq., Cleary Giacobbe

Gregory Franklin, Esq. Cleary Giacobbe

Leslie Parikh, Esq., Gebhardt & Kiefer

**Thursday November 17, 2022**

**9:00 AM - 10:15 AM - Consult League Program**

**Open Public Meetings Act-Slippery Slope and Tricky Issues**

This webinar will discuss the Open Public Meeting Act. The program will run as follows:

1. Introduction of Speakers
2. Regulation of Public Comment: timing, requests for presentation and civility issues
3. Executive session: permissible attendees: employees, developers, elected but not sworn officials; privilege issues, other exceptions, and release of executive session minutes
4. Executive session: when, (and if) a member of the governing body or Clerk may be excluded.

Speaking:

John Gillespie, Esq., Parker McCay

Trishka Waterbury Cecil, Esq., Mason, Griffin & Pierson

Jean Cipriani, Esq., Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm, Halm & Cipriani, P.A.

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**10:45 AM - 12:00 PM - Room 414**

**Open Space, Farmland Preservation and Right to Farm**

Co-sponsored with NJLM

An update involving Green Acres, Farmland Preservation issues and Right to Farm protections and disputes.

Presiding/Moderator:

Douglas Heinold, Esq.

Speaking:

Susan Payne, Executive Director, NJ SADC

Sharon Dragan, Secretary, NJILGA

Douglas Heinold, Treasurer, NJILGA

Martha Sullivan Sapp, Director, NJDEP Green Acres

Judeth Piccinini Yeany, Esq., Assistant Director, NJDEP,  
Office of Transactions and Public Land Administration

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**10:45 AM - 12:00 PM - Room 418**

**Cannabis Businesses in New Jersey**

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From the moment the Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act ("CREAMMA") was signed into law on February 22, and a deadline of August 21 placed on municipalities to "opt-in or opt-out," many questions remain unanswered regarding cannabis businesses in New Jersey.

Among its other provisions, CREAMMA provides the framework for municipalities looking to host the highly anticipated recreational cannabis in this state.

This seminar will review the new law and the progress since last year as it applies to ordinances, land use, police enforcement, differences between medical and recreational laws, smoke free laws and taxation.

NJCLE-1.2

Presiding:

Jean Cipriani, Esq. Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm, Halm & Cipriani

Moderator:

Ronald P. Mondello, Esq.

Speaking:

Robin LaBue, Esq., Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm, Halm & Cipriani

Robert Brice, Borough Administrator, Lavallette and Former Chief of Police Wall Township,

Shaya Brodchandel, CEO - Harmony Dispensary, Secaucus, NJ

Mr. Kashawn McKinley (AC Mayor's aid and AC Cannabis Review Board) and Mr. Karl Timbers (AC City Solicitor)

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**2:00 PM - 3:15 PM - Room 415**

**Avoiding & Defending Claims Against Local Government**

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This panel will discuss perils and pitfalls of municipal government that may result in civil rights, employment or tort liability claims, and how to avoid and defend against those claims.

Presiding:

Robert Renaud, Esq.

Speaking:

Richard Cushing, Esq.; Robert Varady, Esq.; Robert Renaud, Esq.; Leslie A. Parikh, Esq.

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**2:00 PM - 3:15 PM - Room 417**

**OPRA & Right to Know: Recent Developments & Strategies**

Co-sponsored with NJLM

An update of recent developments and strategies on OPRA matters coming from Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Trial Courts, or the GRC.

NJCLE-1.2; PACLE-1.0

Presiding:

Jolanta Maziarz, Esq.

Welcome:

George Morris, Esq. Parker McCay, P.A.

Speaking:

Tara St. Angelo, Esq., Gebhardt & Kiefer

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**3:45 PM - 5:00 PM - Room 416**

**Municipal Law Update 2022**

Co-sponsored with NJLM

The yearly update of decisions affecting municipalities - an indispensable program for municipal law practitioners. NJCLE-1.2; PACLE-1.0

Steven Goodell, Esq. Parker McCay

Edward Purcell, Esq. Price, Meese, Shulman and D'Arminio

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**5:00 PM - 5:30 PM**

**Room 416**

**Institute of Local Government Officials**

**Annual Meeting**

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**5:30 - 7:30 PM**

**Social Event** to follow at the Tiberius Room at Caesars.