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MAMA is pleased to present the following roster of speakers for this year's Conference.

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|  | <p>John C. Schrier MAMA President</p> <p>John Schrier has served on the MAMA Board of Directors since 2009. A partner at Parmenter O'Toole, John provides assistance to the Firm's municipal clients, as City Attorney for the cities of Montague, Muskegon, North Muskegon, Roosevelt Park and as Village Attorney for the Village of Shelby. Prior to joining Parmenter O'Toole in 1984, John worked for the Michigan House of Representatives Democratic Staff.</p> <p>John is a graduate of Hope College (B.A.), Wayne State University (Masters, Public Administration) and University of Detroit Law School.</p> |
|  | <p>Chris Hackbarth MML, Director, State Affairs</p> <p>Chris Hackbarth rejoined the League in January 2015 as director of state affairs. With over 20 years working in the legislative arena, Chris spent the previous few years as director of the Office of Policy Initiatives for the Michigan Secretary of State and lobbying for Midwest Strategy Group. He has also worked for leadership in the Michigan House and Senate.</p> <p>Hackbarth earned a BA in International Relations from Michigan State University.</p> |
|  | <p>Brian Webb, Deputy Sheriff Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office</p> <p>Sheriff Webb has been employed by the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office since February 2012. He currently is assigned to the traffic services section for Ypsilanti Township. Prior to joining the County Sheriff's Office, he worked for the City of Milan Police Department. While at the County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Webb has lead the department in OWI/OUID arrests since 2012. He was recognized by "MADD Michigan" and was one of 3 deputies in the state to be honored with the MADD "Lifesaver" award in 2012. In addition Deputy Webb has been recognized as an OWI all-star Team in 2013 by OHSR and in 2018 by the Washtenaw County Sheriff for his leadership in OWI/Impaired driving enforcement and training.</p> |



Vincent L. Duckworth
Cunningham Dalman PC
Deputy City Attorney, Holland

Vincent Duckworth has served as Deputy City Attorney for the City of Holland since 2002 and has practiced in areas of municipal law for most of his legal career. Prior to 2002, Vince worked as an Assistant Law Director for the City of Lima, Ohio and served as a Judicial Staff Attorney for Ohio's 3rd District Court of Appeals.

Vincent earned his Juris Doctor degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cleveland State University (magna cum laude) and his Bachelor of Arts degree from Wittenberg University.



Frederick Headen
Senior Legal Counsel to Governor Snyder

Frederick Headen joined the Governor's Executive Office in December of 2017, and his responsibilities cover a broad range of issues, including pending legislation, environmental contamination issues, ongoing litigation and emergency management matters. Prior to this, he served as Legal Advisor to the State Treasurer, a position he assumed in November of 2012, where he was responsible for advising the State Treasurer and Chief Deputy Treasurer regarding the legal direction of overall departmental initiatives, policy, and programs for the Michigan Department of Treasury.

Mr. Headen served as Director of the Bureau of Local Government Services in the Department of Treasury, from November 2002 to November 2012. He was responsible for policy formulation and the management of Bureau operations, including property tax and tax exemption administration, tax-reversion administration, and local auditing and municipal finance. In addition, he focused on management issues for fiscally distressed municipalities. He joined the Department as Deputy Director of the Bureau in December of 1997.

Before joining the Department of Frederick Treasury, he served as Legal Counsel for the Citizens Research Council of Michigan, where he researched a broad array of issues, with a particular focus on property taxation and constitutional issues. He also served as Legal Counsel for the Legislative Service Bureau, Legal Drafting Division.

He received a bachelor's degree in political philosophy from James Madison College at Michigan State University, a master's degree in Labor and Industrial Relations from Michigan State University, and a Juris Doctor from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School. He is a member of the State Bar of Michigan and has served as a director of various organizations, including the Friends of the Lansing Public Library, Hospice of Lansing, Mid-Michigan Public School Academy, Thomas M. Cooley Law School, and the Governmental Research Association.



James Fackler
Assistant Administrator
MDOS-Customer Services Administration

James Fackler is the Assistant Administrator for the Customer Services Administration (CSA) for the Michigan Department of State (MDOS). CSA is the “DMV face” of the department. As an administrator for the Department, he helps with the development and implementation of new programs in addition to working through new legislative initiatives. Before moving to CSA, James worked for the MDOS for 13 years as a Legislative Analyst and Legislative Liaison for the Office of Government Affairs. In that role, James helped develop the initial Autonomous Vehicle legislation for the State of Michigan. In 2016, Michigan updated its AV laws and he was again involved as a DMV lead for the legislative process. Due to his DMV experience in conjunction with Michigan AV legislation background, he was selected to be a member of the NHTSA sponsored, American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) Autonomous Vehicle Best Practices Working Group. This group was tasked with providing best practices and guidelines for states in handling the testing and future deployment of autonomous vehicles in the US and Canada. Currently, he is the vice chairman of the Best Practices Work Group. The group will be putting their report out the Fall of 2017.

James has a Master’s Degree in Forestry from Texas A & M University and a Bachelor’s Degree in Natural Resources, Environmental Policy from the University of Michigan.



Chris Dore
Partner, Edelson PC
Chicago

Chris Dore is a Partner at Edelson PC, a nationally recognized class and mass action law firm. His firm has prosecuted some of the largest and most cutting-edge cases in recent years and was recently named 2017 Consumer Protection Group of the Year by Law360. Chris is part of the Firm’s coordinated multi-state opioid litigation coalition, comprised of a dozen law firms, collectively representing a variety of government entities in an effort to clamp down on the national opioid epidemic. Chris has been appointed class counsel in multiple class actions, including one of the largest settlements under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, ground-breaking issues in the mobile phone industry and fraudulent marketing, as well as consumer privacy. Chris has been asked to appear on television, radio, and in national publications to discuss consumer protection and privacy issues.

Chris received his law degree from The John Marshall Law School, his M.A. in Legal Sociology from the International Institute for the Sociology of Law (located in Onati, Spain), and his B.A. in Legal Sociology from the University of California, Santa Barbara. Chris also serves on the Illinois Bar Foundation, Board of Directors.

**Heather E. Sumner****Deputy City Attorney, Lansing**

Heather Sumner is the deputy city attorney for the City of Lansing. She is responsible for overseeing all litigation involving the City of Lansing, including matters pending in District Court, Circuit Court, and Federal Court. She can prosecute city ordinance infractions and helps advise the mayor, city council, and city departments on a variety of municipal matters.

Heather attended Thomas M. Cooley on the 100% Honors Scholarship and graduated from Michigan State University College of Law in 2013. She received her B.S. in Social Science from Central Michigan University.