



**21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL MAMA/GOVERNMENT LAW SECTION  
SUMMER JOINT EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE**

**The Inn at Bay Harbor**

**June 21-22, 2019**

**SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2019**

- 12:30 PM                   **CHECK IN AND REGISTRATION**
- 1:00 PM                   **PROGRAM MODERATOR: Gregory T. Stremers**, Touma, Watson, Whaling, Coury, Stremers & Thomas PC; Vice Chair-State Bar of Michigan, Government Law Section.
- 1:00-2:00 PM           **PANEL DISCUSSION: THE HISTORY, RECENT AMENDMENTS  
AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**  
A panel discussion on board history, the future and application of the FOIA with **Herschel P. Fink**, of counsel, Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss, P.C., **Steven D. Mann**, Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, PLC, and **Lawrence T. Garcia**; Corporation Counsel, City of Detroit.
- 2:00-3:00 PM           **SOCIAL MEDIA & LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEGAL ISSUES**  
**Julie Tappendorf**, Co-author of the book “Social Media & Local Governments: Navigating the New Public Square.”
- 3:00-3:15PM           **NETWORKING BREAK**
- 3:15 PM -4:00 PM       **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, STRATEGY, LOCAL GOVERNMENT POLICY AND  
SECURITY ISSUES**  
**Joellen Shortley**, Chair Information Technology Law-State Bar of Michigan, Deputy Corporation Counsel-Oakland County; **Kaitlin Keeler**, Oakland County Information Technology-E-Government Division.
- 4:00-4:30 PM           **VIEW FROM THE BENCH**  
**Justice Megan K. Cavanagh**: Introductory remarks by Justice Cavanagh with a question and answer period.
- 4:30-4:45 PM           **AMICUS COMMITTEE AND LEGAL DEFENSE FUND UPDATE**  
Members of the GLS Amicus Committee and MML Legal Defense Fund will update the membership on cases filed, funding, results and information on access to briefs.

4:45-5:00 PM **SBM GOVERNMENT LAW SECTION ANNUAL MEETING.**

5:00-6:00 PM **RECEPTION SPONSORED BY MILLER CANFIELD**

**SATURDAY JUNE 22, 2019**

8:00 AM **CHECK IN AND REGISTRATION**

8:25 AM **PROGRAM MODERATOR: Vincent L. Duckworth**, Cunningham Dalman, P.C.;  
Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys

8:30-9:30 AM **SUPREME COURT UPDATE**  
**Amanda Kellar**, Deputy General Counsel / Director of Legal Advocacy International Municipal  
Lawyers Association, Inc.

9:30-9:45 AM **NETWORKING BREAK**

9:45-11:00 AM **PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DECOMMISSIONING**  
A panel discussion of major public undertaking in the decommissioning of dams in Grand  
Traverse County, Michigan. Moderator: **Richard Baron**, of Foley, Baron, Metzger & Juip,  
PLLC; Panelists: **Dan DeVaun**, Engineer with AECOM and Project Manager; **Frank Dituri**,  
Chair of Implementation Team and worked with Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa  
Indians.

11:00-11:45 AM **PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT CONSTRUCTION – INCIDENT RESPONSE**  
**Ron VanderVeen**, City of Holland Attorney.

11:45-12:00 AM **NETWORKING BREAK**

12:00-1:00 PM **LUNCH DISCUSSION: AN OVERVIEW HISTORY OF LEGAL ETHICS & SOME**  
**IMPORTANT ISSUES RAISED FOR GOVERNMENT LAWYERS**  
**Professor Larry Dubin**, University of Detroit Mercy Law School.

2:00 PM **7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL JOHN BERAS MEMORIAL CUP BOCCE TOURNAMENT**

6:00 PM **RECEPTION AND DINNER**

7:00 PM **BOCCE FINALS**