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PROGRAM SPEAKERS

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Thomas R. Schultz **MAMA President**

Thomas Schultz has served on the MAMA Board of Directors since 2011. Tom is a shareholder in the firm of ROSATI SCHULTZ JOPPICH & AMTSBUECHLER. Tom has concentrated his practice in municipal law for over 25 years. He is currently the City Attorney for the City of Novi, the City of Farmington, and the City of Sylvan Lake. He provides general counsel services to several other Oakland County communities including the City of Farmington Hills.

Tom has been regularly involved in litigation at all levels on issues affecting local governments, including in the state district, circuit, and appellate courts, and in the federal trial and appellate courts, as well as before various state administrative entities such as the Michigan Tax Tribunal. He has argued several cases on behalf of municipalities before the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, the Michigan Supreme Court, and the Michigan Court of Appeals. Thomas has authored or co-authored several appellate amicus (or "friend of the court") briefs on local governmental issues for the Michigan Municipal League, the Public Corporation Section of the State Bar of Michigan and the American Society of Planners.

Tom is a graduate of the University of Detroit (B.A.) and University of Detroit School of Law School



Chris Hackbarth **MML, Director, State Affairs**

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.

Hackbarth earned a BA in International Relations from Michigan State University.

Jennifer Rigterink
Legislative Associate

Jennifer Rigterink is the legislative associate for the Michigan Municipal League where she advocates on behalf of communities with a concentration on municipal services, economic development and land use issues. Jennifer joined the League in April 2016.

Prior to joining the League, Jennifer directed technical assistance for Community Development at the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), including the Redevelopment Ready Communities® and Michigan Main Street programs. She also managed the Genesee Institute, now the Center for Community Progress, where she focused on building awareness of Michigan's land bank authority model and vacant property initiatives. Jennifer has a bachelor's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Michigan State University.

In addition, Jennifer, a certified economic development finance professional, represents the League on the Michigan Main Street Advisory Committee. She lives in DeWitt with her husband Chris and two children. She's also co-owner, along with her husband, of a small business called The Mattress Source in East Lansing, Michigan.



Kristen L. Rewa
Attorney

Kristen Rewa is an attorney with CUMMINGS, McCLOREY DAVIS & ACHO, P.L.C. in Grand Rapids, Michigan where she focuses her practice on law enforcement defense and litigation, municipal law, employment and labor law, and insurance defense.

Prior to joining CMDA, Kristen was an assistant city attorney for the City of Grand Rapids. She served as the public safety liaison and provided legal counsel on police and fire operations. Ms. Rewa worked for the city's Law Department for over a decade and has experience in police liability and risk management, internal affairs investigations and disciplinary matters, and public safety policies and procedures.

She is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, American Bar Association, Federal Bar Association for the Western District of Michigan, and the Grand Rapids Bar Association.

Ms. Rewa obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major in classical Greek and Latin from Grand Valley State University. She attended the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome, administered by Duke University, on a full scholarship from the Center during Fall semester 2004. She completed her legal studies at the University of Michigan School of Law in 2009.