





**Local & State Government
Law Section**

Local and State Government Law Section Fall 2022 Meeting

 **Friday, October 14, 2022 - Sunday, October 16, 2022**

 Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill
400 New Jersey Ave NW
Washington, D.C.



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8.5 MCLE Credits

This program is transitional and approved for MCLE credit in New York for all attorneys, including those newly admitted.

8.5 Total Credits: 1.0 Ethics, 6.5 Areas of Professional Practice, 1.0 Diversity, Inclusion and Elimination of Bias

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Friday, October 14, 2022 (Day 1)

1:00 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.
3.5 MCLE Credits

12:00 p.m.

Registration – Columbia B – Ballroom Level

1:00 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.

Welcome & Introduction

Speaker:

Michael Kenneally, Esq.

Section Chair

Executive Director

NYS Municipal Workers' Compensation Alliance

Albany, NY

1:10 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.

U.S. Supreme and Seismic Shifts: An Update for States and Local Governments –

Columbia B – Ballroom Level

The U.S. Supreme Court made history last term in the abortion, guns, and Clean Power Plan cases. What's more, local governments lost two cases last term because the Supreme Court changed its Establishment Clause jurisprudence. As the current docket indicates, our new 6-3 conservative Court is only getting started! In the next few months it will decide whether affirmative action in college admissions is unconstitutional and may adopt the independent state legislature theory. Discuss the most interesting and important cases for states and local governments and current SCOTUS trends with Lisa Soronen, former Executive Director of the State and Local Legal Center.

Speaker:

Lisa Soronen, Esq.

Executive Director

State and Local Legal Center

Washington D.C.

1.5 MCLE Credits in Areas of Professional Practice

2:25 p.m. – 2:35 p.m.

Break – Columbia B – Ballroom Level

2:35 p.m. – 3:25 p.m.

Investigating Discrimination Claims – Columbia B – Ballroom Level

This program will be an interactive discussion of best practices for conducting workplace investigations.

Panelists:

Josephine Greco, Esq.

Founding Partner

Greco Trapp, PLLC

Buffalo, NY

Sharon N. Berlin, Esq.

Lamb & Barnosky, LLP

Melville, NY

1.0 MCLE Credits in Areas of Professional Practice

3:25 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.

Break – Columbia B – Ballroom Level

3:35 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.

Handling Article 78 Proceedings in the Land Use Context: Procedure and Governing Principles – Columbia B – Ballroom Level

The program will provide an overview of the procedures and legal standards which apply to and the questions that can be reviewed in Article 78 proceedings in the land use context, while highlighting some limitations and pitfalls that may await the unwary practitioner.

AGENDA

Panelists:

Adam Wekstein, Esq.

Founding Partner

Hocherman, Tortorella & Wekstein, LLP

White Plains, NY

Michael Caruso, Esq.

Special Counsel

Cuddy & Feder LLP

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5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Reception – Columbia A – Ballroom Level

Join us as for a reception from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. with the passing of hors d'oeuvres and signature cocktails, beer, and wine.

6:00 p.m.

Dinner on your own

Saturday, October 15, 2022 (Day 2)

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

3.0 MCLE Credits

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Washingtonian Breakfast Buffet – Columbia C – Ballroom Level

8:50 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Welcome and Introduction – Columbia B – Ballroom Level

Speaker:

Section Welcome:

Michael Kenneally, Esq.

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9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Federal Funding for Local Governments – Columbia B – Ballroom Level

We will discuss ARPA and IIJA and highlight key programs that will help localities address their infrastructure priorities.

Speakers:

Irma Esparza Diggs, Esq.

Director of Federal Advocacy

National League of Cities

Washington D.C.

Jennifer Imo, Esq.

Managing Partner of Client Services

The Ferguson Group

Washington D.C.

1.5 MCLE credits in Areas of Professional Practice

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Break

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10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	<p>Cannabis in the Communities and Local Considerations – Columbia B – Ballroom Level</p> <p>This CLE program focuses on municipal considerations related to New York’s adult use cannabis legalization. The presentation will include a discussion of zoning implications, time, place and manner restrictions, and permitting. The program will also highlight social equity and family considerations for communities.</p> <p>Speakers: Kristen Motel Cuddy & Feder LLP White Plains, NY</p> <p>Michele D’Ambrosio, Esq. Director Hudson Valley Cannabis Industry Association</p> <p>Drew Gamils Keane & Beane P.C. White Plains, NY</p> <p><i>1.5 MCLE Credits in Areas of Professional Practice</i></p>
11:45 a.m.	Conclusion of Saturday Programming
11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	<p>Executive Committee Meeting – Grand Canyon – 2nd Floor</p> <p><i>*Regular & Decaffeinated Coffee, Tazo Tea, Regular, Diet, & Decaffeinated Pepsi Soft Drinks, and Hydration Station with Daily Infused Water provided daily.</i></p>
12:25 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Lunch / Sightseeing
5:00 p.m.	<p>Shuttle to arrive at Hyatt Regency (400 New Jersey Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001) to bring attendees to the International Spy Museum (700 L’Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, DC 20024)</p> <p>Shuttle Sponsored by Wallace & Wallace LLP</p>
5:30 p.m.	Entrance to the Spy Museum begins at 5:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m	Tour of the Exhibits
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	<p>Dinner at the International Spy Museum 700 L’Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, DC 20024</p> <p>Dinner Speaker: Richard Lewis, Esq. President-Elect NYSBA</p>
10:00 p.m.	Shuttle to Return Attendees to the Hyatt Regency

Sunday, October 16, 2022 (Day 3)

8:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.
2.0 MCLE Credits

7:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **Breakfast** – Columbia B – Ballroom Level

AGENDA

8:50 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Welcome and Introduction

Speaker:

Lisa Cobb, Esq.

Chair-Elect

Wallace and Wallace LLP

Poughkeepsie, NY

9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.

Community Building Through Municipal-Led Incentive Programs

This program will look at municipal incentive programs from student debt and housing support to advanced grants and infrastructure packages. Examples of pitfalls (e.g., Niagara Fall's student debt forgiveness program) and successes (e.g., Buffalo's 43North) will be provided and suggestions as to how to craft programs given NYS Law and the various conditions of NYS Communities. Finally, we as lawyers must take the utmost care in crafting incentive structures offered by municipalities as our disadvantaged citizens are reliant upon for socioeconomic mobility (i.e., the attainability of the American Dream)."

Speaker:

Joseph G. Trapp, Esq.

Greco Trapp PLLC

Buffalo, NY

1.0 MCLE Credit in Diversity, Inclusion and Elimination of Bias

9:50 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

How to Analyze an Ethics Problem: Recognizing Common Law Conflicts of Interest

The program will discuss the three-step process for analyzing government ethics problems, with a particular focus on common law principles, including recent case updates.

Speaker:

Steven Leventhal, Esq.

Leventhal, Mullaney & Blinkoff, LLP

Roslyn, NY

1.0 MCLE credit in Ethics

10:40 a.m.

Conclusion of Program



Restaurants & Things to do in Washington D.C.

Restaurants

The Capital Grille - Fine Dining - 13 minute walk

Carmine's Italian Restaurant - Italian -13 minute walk

The Dubliner Restaurant - 5 minute walk

The Monocle Restaurant - 7 minute walk

Jaleo by Jose Andres - Spanish Cuisine -13 minute walk

Bistro Cacao - French - 11 minute walk

SUCCOTASH - Southern Fare - 20 Minute walk

Union Pub - 10 Minute walk

Things to Do

National Gallery of Art - 14 minute walk

Smithsonian National Museum of History - 26 Minute walk or 8 min drive

National Native American Veterans Memorial - 5 minute walk

United States Botanic Garden - 11 minute walk

Artehouse DC - 9 minute drive





New York State Municipal Workers' Compliance Alliance

The Alliance is a not-for-profit group self-insured workers' compensation program designed for municipalities in New York State. It is sponsored and fiscally overseen by the Association of Towns of the State of New York (AOT) and the New York State Conference of Mayors (NYCOM). The program strives to provide stable annual funding for its members. This is achieved by helping to create safe workplaces with consultative risk management and expeditious claim handling.



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Lisa M. Cobb, Vice Chair





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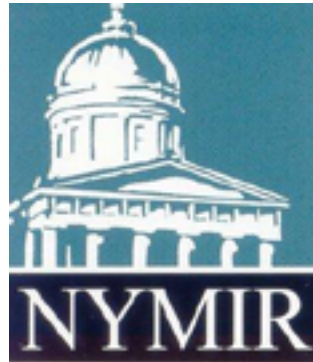
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