



# AAMA/AMJA Fall Municipal Law Conference

September 25-27, 2025 | The Lodge at Gulf State Park, Gulf Shores, Alabama



Check in/registration begins at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 25. **Reception for all attendees from 6 – 7:30 p.m. is at the Dunes Terrace, The Lodge at Gulf State Park.**

## Thursday, September 25 Attorneys Track

1 – 1:30 p.m.	<b>Alabama Open Records/Public Records</b> <i>Rob Johnston, Director of Legal Services (Alabama League of Municipalities); Eddie Blair, Attorney (City of Huntsville)</i>
1:30 – 2:00 p.m.	<b>The Ken Smith Alabama Caselaw Update</b> <i>Mary Elizabeth Dial, Associate Counsel; Mikal Webb, Associate Counsel (Alabama League of Municipalities)</i>
2:00 – 2:30 p.m.	<b>2025 Alabama Legislative Update</b> <i>Kaleb Beck, League Counsel (Alabama League of Municipalities)</i>
2:30 – 2:45 p.m.	<b>BREAK</b>
2:45 – 3:15 p.m.	<b>Federal Update</b> <i>Michael Berson, Attorney (Adams and Reese LLP)</i>
3:15 – 4:15 p.m.	<b>Telecommunications Insights: Transactional &amp; Regulatory Developments of Interest to Alabama Governments</b> <i>Gerry Lederer, Attorney (Best, Best and Krieger LLP)</i>
4:15 – 5:15 p.m.	<b>2025 Ethics Update</b> <i>Roman Shaul, General Counsel (Alabama State Bar)</i>

## Thursday, September 25 Judges/Prosecutors Track

1 – 1:30 p.m.	<b>State of Municipal Courts</b> <i>K.C. Hairston, Judge (City of Mountain Brook)</i>
1:30 – 2:00 p.m.	<b>Handling Discovery Requests</b> <i>Stephen Shaw, Attorney (Wallace, Jordan, Ratliff &amp; Brandt)</i>
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.	<b>State Forensic Update Related to Municipal Court Cases</b> <i>Curt Harper, Chief Toxicologist (Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences)</i>
3:00 – 3:15 p.m.	<b>BREAK</b>
3:15 – 4:15 p.m.	<b>Annual Update on Interlock Devices, Hardship Licenses, SR-22, CDL Masking</b> <i>Pam Shepard, Assistant Driver License Director; Lynn Holmes, Driver License Specialist (Alabama Law Enforcement Agency)</i>
4:15 – 5:15 p.m.	<b>State of the Courts</b> <i>Nathan Wilson, Administrative Director of Courts (Alabama Administrative Office of Courts)</i>



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## Friday, September 26 Attorneys Track

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	<b>Federal Caselaw Update</b> <i>Amanda Karras, Executive Director/General Counsel (International Municipal Lawyers Association)</i>
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	<b>Current Topics in Personnel Management (panel discussion)</b> <b>Moderator:</b> <i>Megan Zingarelli, Attorney (City of Madison)</i> <b>Panelists:</b> <i>Kelli Bracci (City of Madison); Byron Thomas (City of Huntsville); Hannah Noonan (City of Fairhope)</i>
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	<b>BREAK</b>
10:15 – 11:00 a.m.	<b>Law Enforcement Hiring Procedures</b> <i>Louis Zook (Safe Risk Loss Control Services LLC Contractors)</i>
11:00 – 11:45 p.m.	<b>Best Practices in Dealing with Qualified Immunity</b> <i>Gregory Burgess, Attorney (Lanier, Ford, Shaver &amp; Payne P.C.)</i>
11:45–12:15 p.m.	<b>Economic Development Toolbox</b> <i>Patrick Dungan, Attorney (Adams &amp; Reese LLP)</i>
12:15 – 12:30 p.m.	<b>AAMA Business Meeting</b>

## Friday, September 26 Judges/Prosecutors Track

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	<b>DUI Trials 101</b> <i>Patrick Mahaney, Attorney (Law Office of Patrick Mahaney)</i>
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	<b>Update on Advisory Opinions</b> <i>Steve Marshall, Attorney General (State of Alabama)</i>
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	<b>BREAK</b>
10:15 – 11:15 a.m.	<b>Judicial Ethics: Appearance of Impropriety</b>
11:15 – 12:15 p.m.	<b>Legislative Update</b> <i>Erin Dunagan, Legal Director (Alabama Administrative Office of Courts)</i>
12:15–12:30 p.m.	<b>AMJA Business Meeting</b>



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8 – 8:30 a.m.	<b>Attorney General's Opinions</b> <i>Wes Shaw, Chief Opinions Division (Alabama Attorney General's Office)</i>
8:30 – 9:15 a.m.	<b>Overtime Pay and Fair Labor Standards Acts</b> <i>Robbie Hyde, Attorney (Alexander Hyde, LLC)</i>
9:15 – 10:15 a.m.	<b>Parliamentary Procedures</b> <i>Mark Boardman, Attorney (Boardman, Carr, Petelos, Watkins, Ogle &amp; Howard, P.C.)</i>
10:15 – 10:30 a.m.	<b>BREAK</b>
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	<b>Police Liability: Deliberate Indifference to Medical Care</b> <i>John Wilkerson, General Counsel/Legislative Director (Arkansas Municipal League)</i>
11:30 – 12:15 p.m.	<b>Municipal Issues Regarding Drones</b> <i>Chad Tillman, Director, UAS Operations (Huntsville Police Department); Matt Sloane, Co-Founder (SkyfireAL)</i>

## Saturday, September 27 Judges/Prosecutors Track

8 – 9 a.m.	<b>Annual Update on Municipal Court Bail &amp; Bond Cases</b> <i>John Smith, Attorney; Michael Taunton, Attorney (Balch &amp; Bingham LLP)</i>
9 – 10 a.m.	<b>ADA Compliance in Courthouses and Courtrooms</b> <i>Jim Terry, Chief Executive Officer (Evan Terry Associates LLC)</i>
10 – 10:15 a.m.	<b>BREAK</b>
10:15 – 11:15 a.m.	<b>Parliamentary Procedures</b> <i>Mark Boardman, Attorney (Boardman, Carr, Petelos, Watkins, Ogle &amp; Howard, P.C.)</i>
11:15 – 12:15 p.m.	<b>Lessons From the Bench</b> <i>Brad Bishop, Judge (City of Hoover)</i>