**FALL LGA CONFERENCE
October 24-26, 2019**

**Kingsmill Resort, Williamsburg, Virginia**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24**

*8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. LGA Board of Directors Meeting Tazewell Room*

*(****Board breakfast sponsored by Thomas Reuters/Westlaw****)*

*12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Registration, Exhibits & Sponsor Displays JRGB Pre-function Area*

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**1:00 – 2:30 pm**

***General Session*** **| 1.5 MCLE** *Ballroom C&D*

**Declaratory Judgment Act Overview and Strategy**

*Description:* A declaratory judgment could arise in a number of contexts. This session will help prepare you to defend a declaratory judgment complaint, including an overview of what constitutes an “actual controversy,” “justiciable controversy,” or “justiciable interest,” and, whether there are adequate remedies at law, whether the act is being used for procedural fencing, and whether the petitioner is seeking an “advisory opinion.”

*Speakers:* Ellen Bergren, Assistant City Attorney, City of Chesapeake

Stephen Piepgrass, Troutman Sanders

George Somerville, Harman, Claytor, Corrigan & Wellman, P.C.

*Moderator:* Kathleen Dooley, City Attorney, City of Fredericksburg

*2:30 – 2:45 p.m. Break (****co-sponsored by Municode and Furniss, Davis, Rashkind and Saunders, PC****)*

**2:45 – 4:15 pm**

***Concurrent Session* | 1.5 MCLE**  *Ballroom A&B*

**Code Enforcement: Land and Water**

*Description*: This session will include an overview of zoning enforcement in the criminal and civil context. Practice pointers will also be shared for storm water and erosion and sediment control enforcement.

*Speakers:* Andy Herrick, Deputy County Attorney, Albemarle County

Meredith H. Jacobi, Assistant City Attorney, City of Chesapeake

Emily Russell, Assistant County Attorney, Chesterfield County

*Moderator:* Christina Shelton, City Attorney, City of Williamsburg

 **2:45 – 4:15 pm**

***Concurrent Session* | 1.5 MCLE**  *Ballroom C&D*

**Public Procurement Act in Virginia 101**

*Description*: Panel will focus on essentials and areas of interest gauged for new or infrequent practitioners of public procurement law. Topics may include the handling of protests and disputes, the use of contract forms, and issues with special types of contracts like those for information technology.

*Speakers:* Mike Kaestner, Assistant County Attorney, Henrico County

Bill Lascara, Pender & Coward, P.C.

Susan McKenney, Assistant City Attorney, City of Richmond

*Moderator:*  Haskell C. Brown, III, Deputy City Attorney, City of Richmond

6 – 7 p.m. Reception  *Burwell Pre-function Area*

(***co-sponsored by Hirschler and Harman, Claytor, Corrigan, & Wellman)***

*7 – 9 p.m. Opening Night Party Burwell Ballroom*

*(****co-sponsored by Kaufman & Canoles and Sanford Heisler Sharp****)*

**THURSDAY GHOST TOUR**
Haunted Williamsburg Ghost Tour: From 18th-century colonial ghost stories to creepy modern-day encounters, costumed storytellers share unnerving tales on this Colonial Williamsburg Ghost Tour (**transportation** **sponsored by Walsh, Colucci, Lubeley & Walsh, P.C. & tickets sponsored by Odin Feldman & Pittleman, P.C.**). The candlelit walking tour lasts approximately one hour and is the only ghost tour that takes visitors inside historic buildings of Colonial Williamsburg. Registration is first-come, first ser

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25**

*7:30 – 9 a.m. Continental Breakfast JRGB Pre-function Area*

*(****sponsored by Virginia Risk Sharing Association****)*

*8 – 9 a.m. Committee & Practice Group Meetings*

*PLEASE SEE PROGRAM PROVIDED ON SITE FOR MEETING ROOM INFORMATION.*

*Outreach*

*Publications*

*Employment Law Practice Group*

*Local Taxation Law Practice Group*

*Social Service Law Practice Group*

*Eminent Domain Practice Group*

*Procurement Practice Group\**

*Opioid Class Action Update*

*Housing Law Practice Group\**

*\*Procurement and Housing Law practice groups are holding their inaugural meetings. All interested in either of these groups are invited to attend.
\*\*Look for committee/group signage in shared meeting spaces.*

**9:00 – 10:30 am** *Ballroom C&D*

***General Session* | 1.5 MCLE**

**Case Law Update**

*Description*: This session will highlight recent cases of interest to the practice of local government law.

*Speakers:* Hon. Wilford Taylor, Jr., Retired Judge, The McCammon Group

*Moderator:* Patrick C. Murphrey, Assistant City Attorney, City of Newport News

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break *JRGB Pre-function Area*

(**co-sponsored by Kutak Rock LLP and Randolph, Boyd, Cherry, and Vaughan**)

**10:45 am – 12:15 pm**

***Concurrent Session* | 1.5 MCLE** *Ballroom A&B*

**A Survey of Rehabilitation Act and ADA Issues for School Counsel and General Practitioners**

*Description*: Overview of the various ways the Rehab Act and the ADA impact school systems and by extension what local government practitioners should also be thinking about. Potential topics to include physical facilities, bus transportation, website/e-portal accessibility, employees, students (accommodations, 504 plans, and discipline), parents, and sports/extracurricular activities.

*Speakers:* Wade Anderson, Counsel to the School Board at Henrico County Public Schools

Nicole Cheuk, Sands Anderson PC

 Kalena Ek, disAbility Law Center of Virginia

*Moderator:*  Maxwell Hlavin, Deputy County Attorney, James City County

**10:45 am – 12:15 pm** *Ballroom C&D*

***Concurrent Session* | 1.5 MCLE**

**eDiscovery Defensibility: Understanding Electronic Discovery**

*Description*: In the digital age in which we live and practice law, electronically stored information has become a large part of our daily practice. This program will discuss the basics of e-discovery and how to maintain compliance with document requests related to litigation, FOIA requests, and other proceedings where electronically stored information must be produced.

*Speakers:* Sam Lewis, Director of eDiscovery, Research Data, Inc.

*Moderator:* Karla D. Carter, Assistant City Attorney, City of Suffolk

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES**

**FRIDAY GOLF TOURNAMENT**
LGA's Fall Conference Golf Tournament will take place on the Kingsmill Resort's Plantation Course, a beautiful Arnold Palmer and Ed Seay design. The tournament will tee off at approximately 1 p.m. and will be wrapped up in time for the Friday evening festivities. Cost for the event is $125 per player, which includes green fees, cart fees, and unlimited soda, water, sports drinks, and domestic beer for the duration of the round. For questions about the tournament, pairings, or times, please visit the registration desk.

**FRIDAY KINGSMILL WALKING TRAIL JOURNEY**
Join your colleagues for a walk on Kingsmill's 4.5 mile loop trail. The trail is paved, but hilly. Those who would like a shorter walk are encouraged to join us at the turn around early. Meet at 2:30 p.m. outside the lobby entrance. Wear good walking shoes and bring water. Sign-up sheet will be available at LGA Registration Desk. You do not need to sign up to participate, but registration is helpful for a headcount.

**FRIDAY WILLIAMSBURG BREWERY TOUR**Tour at least four Williamsburg breweries with us on Friday afternoon. The group will depart a 1 p.m. outside the Guest Registration Building (Kingsmill Resort Center). Transportation will be provided (**sponsored by Vanderpool, Frostick, and Nishanian, P.C.**), and the tour is limited to 32 people. Participants must pay for their own alcohol and food. Sign-up sheet will be available at LGA Registration Desk.

*6 – 7 p.m. LGA Banquet & Awards Ceremony Reception (****sponsored by Sanford, Heisler, Sharp****)*

*7 – 9 p.m. LGA Banquet & Awards Ceremony Dinner (****banquet wine sponsored by BrigliaHundley****)*

*9 – 11 p.m. LGA Banquet Awards Hospitality Suite Refreshments*

*(****sponsored by Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP****)*

 *Join us in the “TACS Lounge” for an evening of piano music played by LGA member John Rife (****sponsored by Taxing Authority Consultants****)*

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26**

8 – 9 a.m. Continental Breakfast *JRGB Pre-function Area*

(**co-sponsored by Virginia Municipal League and Hefty Wiley & Gore**)

**9:00 am – 10:30 am** *Ballrooms A&B*

***Concurrent Session* | 1.5 MCLE

Fraud Against Taxpayers**

*Description*: Speakers will provide an overview of both the Virginia Fraud Against Taxpayers Act and the federal False Claims Act. Attorneys from the Virginia Attorney General’s Office will provide a primer on the Virginia Fraud Against Taxpayers Act and its statutory mandate for the Virginia Attorney General to bring actions on behalf of localities, what local government officials should look for in contracting that rises to the level of actionable fraud, and what measures to have in place so a local government does not acquiesce to any fraud. An experienced litigator will provide an overview of the federal False Claims Act and how it may impact local governments.

*Speakers:* Peter E. Broadbent, Assistant Attorney General, Virginia Attorney General’s Office

 Jeremy S. Byrum, Partner, McGuireWoods LLP

 Gregory G. Taylor, Senior Claims Representative, Virginia Attorney General’s Office

*Moderator:* Ryan Samuel, Assistant County Attorney, Arlington County

*10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break JRGB Pre-function Area*

(**co-sponsored by Blankingship & Keith and Davenport**)

**9:00 am – 10:30 am** *Ballrooms C&D*

***Concurrent Session*** **| 1.5 MCLE**

**Recent Developments in Land Use**

*Description*: Panelists will discuss recent developments in land use, including issues arising from electric scooters, small cell wireless facilities, and the new proffer law.

*Speakers:* Negheen Sanjar, Director of Legal Research, International Municipal Lawyers Association

Curt G. Spear, Jr., Senior Assistant County Attorney, Prince William

Courtney R. Sydnor, Deputy County Attorney, Loudoun County

*Moderator:* Sean M. Hutson, Sands Anderson PC

**11:00 am – 1 pm** *Ballrooms C&D*

***General Session* | 2.0 MCLE**

**Ethics Hotline**

*Description*: Experienced local government counsel will respond to (primarily) pre-screened questions. Questions that involve multiple defendants or other conflicts will be given to the outside counsel for their take on the issue.

*Speakers:* Bill Hefty, Of Counsel, Hefty, Wiley, & Gore

Jan L. Proctor, Opinions Counsel, Virginia Attorney General’s Office

Chuck Thompson, General Counsel & Executive Director, International Municipal Lawyers Association

*Moderator:* Lesa Yeatts, Town Attorney, Town of Herndon

*1 p.m. Adjourn*

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