



2024

LGA FALL CONFERENCE

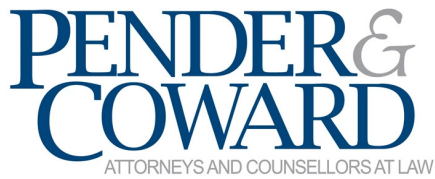
October 3-5, 2024
Hilton Norfolk The Main



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Virginia Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program

LGA has collaborated with Virginia Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program (VJLAP) to provide a space where folks in recovery can gather and support each other on Thursday, October 3, 5:30-6:30 pm before LGA's Opening Night Party. Attendees can privately gather with a VJLAP representative in **Momentum**.

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~ Welcome from the LGA President ~

Andrew H. Herrick

Deputy County Attorney, County of Albermarle

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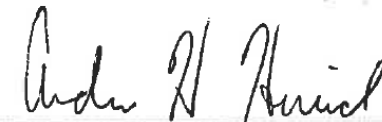
Greetings and welcome to Norfolk! It's great to be back in Hampton Roads and to see so many of you.

I'd especially like to welcome our first-time attendees. We're delighted that you've chosen to join us.

As LGA conference veterans already know, these conferences are among LGA's most valuable member benefits. Where else can you share knowledge, experiences, and good times with friendly colleagues of all kinds from across our Commonwealth? These conferences are more than worth the price of admission, thanks to the support of our fantastic sponsors.

Of course, these conferences don't just happen. They require the sustained efforts of our dedicated staff and volunteer attorneys. I'd especially like to thank the Fall Conference Committee, led by Meredith Harlow, as well as Amy Sales, Christy Jenkins, and the Easter team for all their work to plan a great conference. Please let Amy, Christy, or their team, or any Board member, know if there's anything we can do to improve your experience.

Again, welcome to Norfolk and the LGA Fall Conference. Enjoy!



~ Conference Information ~

SESSION MATERIALS

LGA members can access handouts from the LGA website after logging in and selecting "Conference Session Materials" from the "Conferences" drop down menu. Registration desk staff can assist non-members.

CONFERENCE EVALUATION

Registrants will receive a program evaluation by email. Please provide feedback to improve future conferences. Registrants can also scan the QR code to access the evaluation.



MCLE FORMS

Registrants will receive MCLE forms by email. If you do not receive the MCLE form, please contact Christy Jenkins at christy.jenkins@easterassociates.com.

JOIN A COMMITTEE!

Click the QR code or visit the registration desk to grab a Committee Application form and be part of the good work of LGA! Completed forms can be returned to the registration desk or sent to Amy Sales at amy.sales@easterassociates.com.



CONFERENCE COMFORT

The session room temperature is set at a level generally comfortable to groups. If you tend to be cold, please consider bringing a light jacket.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

See the Registration Desk for more information on a variety of local options for your Friday afternoon free time, including:

- Bourbon 101 with Jim Guynn (\$10/person – Limit 8 per session)
- American Rover Cruise (\$20/person – Limited Space)
- Freemason Harbor Tallships & Schooners (No Fee, On Your Own)
- LGA Book Exchange (No Fee, On Your Own)
- Nauticus (On Your Own)
- Chrysler Art Museum (On Your Own)
- Ceremony Dry Bottle Shot (On Your Own)

~ Conference Agenda ~

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

8:30-9 am	BOARD BREAKFAST	MOMENTUM
9 am-1 pm	LGA FALL BOARD MEETING <i>Meeting and noon Lunch with Annual Sponsors</i>	MOMENTUM
11 am	REGISTRATION OPENS	REGISTRATION 4TH FLOOR
1-1:15 pm	OPENING REMARKS	MAIN SALONS ABCD & EFGH
1:15-2:45 pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS 1 AND 2	

Elements of an Eminent Domain Trial

MAIN SALONS ABCD

For participants in the LGA's leadership training, this session satisfies the optional "2(d) Eminent Domain" topic.

Moderator:

Elizabeth S. Chupik, Associate City Attorney, City of Virginia Beach

Speakers:

Elizabeth S. Chupik, Associate City Attorney, City of Virginia Beach

D. Rossen Greene, Shareholder, Pender & Coward, P.C.

An eminent domain trial has numerous different parts, some of which are unique to this practice area. These cases go to trial rarely enough that many practitioners may never have seen one. In this session experienced eminent domain attorneys Elizabeth Chupik with the City of Virginia Beach, and Ross Greene, chair of Pender & Coward's Eminent Domain / Right of Way Practice Group, review the how you get to an eminent domain trial, the acquisition process and jurisdictional objections, and various elements of an eminent domain trial and some best practices for each part, including but not limited to voir dire, jury selection, commissioner's panels and who can serve as a commissioner, jury instructions, arrangements for the jury/commissioners' view of the property, and differences between condemnation and inverse condemnation trials.

Unpacking a Compact: An Examination of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC)

MAIN SALONS EFGH

For participants in the LGA's leadership training, this session satisfies the optional "2(l) Child Welfare" topic.

Moderator:

Patrick C. Murphrey, Senior Assistant City Attorney, City of Newport News

Speakers:

Martin R. Crim, DSS Counsel, City of Manassas, City of Manassas Park, Sands Anderson PC

Stephen A. Grim, Assistant City Attorney, City of Chesapeake

Tameka Kelley, ICPC/ICAMA Program Manager Family Services, Virginia Department of Social Services

This Session will introduce or re-introduce attendees to the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) and focus on the implications that the ICPC has or may have in certain child dependency cases. Topics will include (1) ICPC case law and regulations, (2) whether a non-offending parent is required to get ICPC approval, and (3) what to do when the judge refuses to follow the law.

- 2:45-3:15 pm** **BREAK** MAIN BALLROOM FOYER
- 3:15-4:45 pm** **GENERAL SESSION A** MAIN SALONS EFGH

Legislative Mixology: Crafting a Code Cocktail Fit to be Served at the Bar

Moderator:

Karla J. Soloria, Assistant City Attorney, City of Norfolk

Speakers:

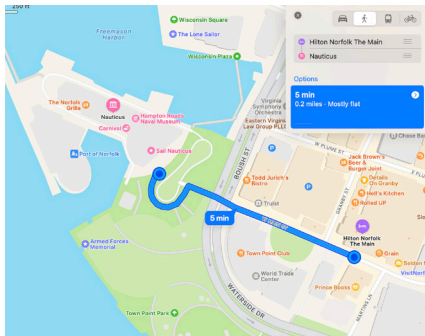
Adam D. Melita, Chief Deputy City Attorney, City of Norfolk

Jessica E. Kraus, Assistant City Attorney, City of Hampton

This session will address issues that commonly arise when the local government attorney is tasked with drafting a legislative act for codification into a published law. From the organization of the law-including introductory matters, substantive provisions, and procedural details-to the formalities of proper formatting, usage conventions, style, and syntax, we'll review best practices as well as common mistakes to be avoided.

- 5:30-6:30 pm** **"FRIENDS OF BILL W."** MOMENTUM
Support meeting for those in recovery
- 5:45-6:45 pm** **YLGA-HOSTED HAPPY HOUR** EXCHANGE AREA
All are welcome to join before we leave for the opening night party!

- 7-9 pm** **OPENING NIGHT PARTY** NAUTICUS ELIZABETH RIVER LANDING



This fall's Opening Night Party is the "maiden voyage" of the newly renovated Design, Build, Sail! exhibit at Nauticus, just a 5-minute walk from our conference hotel. Overlooking the Elizabeth River and the Sail Nauticus sailboat fleet, this state-of-the-art gallery blends hands-on interactives with compelling exhibits open to all guests, as well as a delicious spread catered by Yummy Goodness. See the map for walking directions; if you need transportation, Norfolk's F.R.E.D. (Free Ride Every Day) is a free ride service offered by the city available until 8:30 pm and can be reached at 757-478-7233.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

- 7:30 am** **REGISTRATION OPENS** REGISTRATION 4TH FLOOR
- 7:30-9 am** **BREAKFAST** MAIN BALLROOM FOYER
- 8-8:50 am** **LOCAL TAXATION PRACTICE GROUP** MAIN SALONS ABCD
- 8-8:50 am** **EMINENT DOMAIN PRACTICE GROUP** MAIN SALONS EFGH
- 9-10:30 am** **GENERAL SESSION B** MAIN SALONS ABCD

Period-Costumed Silent Disco (Not Really – It's Just the Case Law Update)

Moderator:

Meredith C. Harlow, Deputy City Attorney, City of Hampton

Speakers:

Jan L. Proctor, County Attorney, County of Accomack

Catherine H. Lindley, City Attorney, City of Chesapeake

John C. Blair, II, City Attorney, City of Staunton

Case law and important Attorney General Opinions from the past year-to-date will be discussed. The discussion will focus on binding precedent of interest to local government practitioners that was issued within the past year. Useful circuit court letter opinions and other persuasive precedent will also be presented.

- 10:30-11 am** **BREAK** MAIN BALLROOM FOYER
- 11 am-12:30 pm** **GENERAL SESSION C** MAIN SALONS EFGH

Going Fishing for the Right Contract: Which Hook to Use

For participants in the LGA's leadership training, this session satisfies the optional "2(m) Procurement" topic.

Moderator:

Catherine B. Lea, Town Attorney, Town of Orange

Speakers:

Tyler C. Southall, County Attorney, County of Dinwiddie

Brendan S. Hefty, Attorney, Hefty Wiley & Gore, P.C.

Kelly J. Lackey, City Attorney, City of Fredericksburg

This session will focus on the different "procurement hooks" that can be used to procure a contract under the Virginia Public Procurement Act. Although the traditional IFBs and RFPs do just fine charting a course for the Vineyard, what happens when a client wants to head for Nantucket and use cooperative procurement, sole source, or emergency procurement? And what about small purchase procurement polices? Are there any other options out there while you are trolling the Atlantis of public procurement?

12:30-1 pm	RECEPTION	MAIN BALLROOM FOYER
1-2:30 pm	LUNCHEON & AWARDS	MAIN SALONS ABCD
2:30 pm	FREE TIME/AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES <i>Visit the registration desk for area options.</i>	
8-10 pm	HOSPITALITY SUITE	EXCHANGE AREA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

7:30 am	REGISTRATION OPENS	REGISTRATION 4TH FLOOR
7:30-9 am	BREAKFAST	MAIN BALLROOM FOYER
8-8:50 am	SOCIAL SERVICES LAW PRACTICE GROUP	MAIN SALONS DE
8-8:50 am	EMPLOYMENT LAW PRACTICE GROUP	MAIN SALONS FGH

9-10 am CONCURRENT SESSIONS 5 & 6

Hot Topics in School Law

MAIN SALONS DE

Moderator:

Anne C. Lahren, Civil Litigation Attorney, Pender & Coward, P.C.

Speakers:

Wade T. Anderson, Division Counsel, Prince William County Public Schools

Stacy L. Haney, Founding Member, Haney Phinyowattanachip PLLC

This session will update attendees regarding current hot-button legal issues confronting school boards such as limitations on student cell phone usage, accessing sexually explicit materials, school-specific FOIA concerns, and a brief overview of school-specific bills expected in the upcoming legislative session.

Land Development and the Endangered Species Act: Don't Be "Blind as a Bat" or a "Fish Out of Water"

MAIN SALONS FGH

Moderator:

Matthew C. Freedman, City Attorney, City of Lynchburg

Speakers:

Amy Martin, Manager, Nongame and Endangered Species Program, Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources

Justin W. Curtis, Attorney, AquaLaw PLC

Panelists will discuss the Federal and Virginia laws and best practices that local government attorneys are most likely to navigate in their land

development practice, including regulations surrounding endangered or threatened animal species. The presentation will emphasize animal species commonly affected by land development in Virginia, their importance to ecosystems, and the public policy behind the regulatory scheme.

10-10:30 am	BREAK <i>(Hotel check-out time is 11 am.)</i>	MAIN BALLROOM FOYER
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10:30 am-12:30 pm	GENERAL SESSION C	MAIN SALONS DE
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Ethical Considerations in the Age of Generative AI

For participants in the LGA's leadership training, this session satisfies the optional "1(d) Ethics" topic.

Moderator:

Stephen C. Piegrass, Partner and Practice Group Leader, Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders LLP

Speakers:

Samuel E. "Gene" Fishel, Counsel, Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders LLP

Reeve T. Bull, Director, Virginia Office of Regulatory Management

Joshua M. Johnson

The panelists will discuss ethical considerations that may arise as local government attorneys use generative AI in the practice of law, and which may impact local governments. Topics will include (1) an introduction to generative AI including associated risks such as fraud, bias, privacy concerns, and plagiarism; (2) relevant AI-related ethics rules, regulations, and opinions, with a focus on Virginia government standards and guidelines; (3) key ethical risks, including confidentiality, competence, bias, transparency, accountability, informed consent, security, and the unauthorized practice of law; (4) secondary sources that discuss the interplay of AI and legal ethics, and (5) strategies to combat these issues in the practice of law. The presentation will also feature a live demonstration that applies AI in creating legal content, highlighting both advantages and pitfalls.

~ Law Student Scholarship ~

As part of LGA's outreach program, the board of directors has established law student scholarships for each fall, spring, and regional conference. Law student scholarships may be awarded for each conference to a law student from each of the state's accredited law schools and to two out-of-state students who demonstrate that they have a connection to the Commonwealth or LGA.

Sarah Harker, University of Richmond Law School, May 2026

Ryan Pokorny, University of Richmond Law School, May 2025

~ Edward J. Finnegan Elizabeth D. Whiting Award ~

AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

LGA's Edward J. Finnegan Elizabeth D. Whiting Award for Distinguished Service recognizes an individual in the Commonwealth of Virginia who has made significant contributions to local government law or the Local Government Attorneys of Virginia, Inc. This award was established by LGA in 1991 and renamed in 1993 and to honor Edward J. Finnegan and then, in 2021 to honor his wife, Elizabeth D. Whiting. Both were long-time members of LGA, authorities on local government, past presidents of the organization, and recipients of the award.

Phyllis A. Errico 2023	David P. Bobzien 2006
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Ronald S. Hallman 2009	Edward J. Finnegan 1992
Sterling E. Rives, III 2008	David T. Stitt 1991
Walter C. Erwin, III 2007	

~ Retiree Recognition ~

The LGA congratulates the following people on their retirement following distinguished careers representing LGA member localities:

- Arthur E. Anderson, II**, McGuireWoods LLP (December 2024)
- Joanna C. Anderson**, City Attorney, City of Alexandria (December 2023)
- Deborah C. Laird**, Senior Assistant County Attorney, County of Fairfax (June 2024)
- Barbara Notar**, Senior Assistant County Attorney, County of Loudoun (August 2024)
- Jacob P. Stroman, IV**, City Attorney, City of Charlottesville (September 2024)

~ LGA Service Awards ~

The LGA Service Awards recognizes those attorneys from the association's active-member localities (as well as full-time legal staff with the Virginia Municipal League and Virginia Association of Counties) who have served local government in Virginia for 15 years or more.

15 YEARS

- Dana R. Harmeyer**, Senior City Attorney, City of Virginia Beach
- Rachel F. Evans**, Associate City Attorney, City of Virginia Beach
- Sarah E. (Sally) Kegley**, County Attorney, County of Scott
- Kelly J. Lackey**, City Attorney, City of Fredericksburg

20 YEARS

- Christianna R. Cunningham**, Associate City Attorney, City of Virginia Beach
- Lucia G. Whitlow**, Associate City Attorney, City of Virginia Beach
- Mark C. Popovich**, City Attorney, City of Covington; Town Attorney, Towns of Branchville and Wakefield, County Attorney, County of Amherst; Guynn Waddell

25 YEARS

- Milissa R. Spring**, Senior Deputy County Attorney, County of Loudoun
- Mark D. Stiles**, City Attorney, City of Virginia Beach
- Rebecca D. Kubin**, Deputy City Attorney, City of Virginia Beach

30 YEARS

- Andrew R. McRoberts**, County Attorney, Counties of Nottoway and Richmond; Town Attorney, Town of Irvington, Sands Anderson, PC
- Lesa J. Yeatts**, Town Attorney, Town of Herndon
- Lawrence S. Spencer, Jr.**, Town Attorney, Town of Blacksburg

~ In Remembrance ~

Arthur G. "Butch" Lambiotte, Newport News, January 2024

Say Hello to a New Look!



For more than two decades LGA's logo maintained longstanding recognition for members of the Local Government Attorneys organization. But as the association transitions to a new database and website platform this fall and looks forward to its 50th anniversary in 2025, now is the time for a thoughtful update to LGA's visual identity that is contemporary, professional, and honors the past while looking forward to the future. The redesign is strongly inspired by the old logo, while giving more emphasis to the organization's full name.

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Handbook of Local Government Law and Bill of Particulars

~ Save the Dates ~

2025 LGA Spring Conference

Dates: April 24-26, 2025

Location: Omni Charlottesville

2025 LGA Regional Seminar

Date: June 27, 2025

Location: The Inn at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg

2025 LGA Fall Conference

Dates: October 30-November 1, 2025

Location: Omni Homestead, Hot Springs