

Life In The Big City XXII
Day One – July 14, 2016

8:00 a.m. Sign In

8:15 a.m. Introduction and Welcome: Sozi Pedro Tulante, City Solicitor

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – Ethics Plenary Course (2 Ethics Credits)

Campaign Financing & General Election Support (1hr)
Ethics in Practice – Practical Examples (1hr)

COORDINATORS: Jo Rosenberger-Altman, Divisional Deputy City Solicitor, Philadelphia Law Department and Brooke C. Darlington, Deputy City Solicitor, Tax Unit, Philadelphia Law Department

This course will examine various ethical issues that arise during an election year for City attorneys and provide some basic information concerning the ethics of campaign finance. How can we support our favorite candidate without violating the City's political activity restrictions? Discussion will include an overview of applicable Charter and Code provisions and hypotheticals will be presented to the speakers covering commonly encountered challenges. The second hour will include practical examples of ethical dilemmas in our everyday law practice, with a focus on maintaining the attorney/client privilege and confidentiality, noting issues unique to our representation of the City and its various departments.

Speakers: J. Shane Creamer, Jr., Executive Director, Board of Ethics
Michael Cooke, Director of Enforcement, Board of Ethics
Michael B. Hayes, Partner, Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads
Lewis Rosman, Senior Attorney, Appeals and Legislation Philadelphia Law Department
Honorable Judge Denis P. Cohen, Judge, Court of Common Pleas

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Concurrent Courses (2 Substantive Credits Each)

A. Trial Skills and Strategies

COORDINATORS: A. Bennette Harrison, Deputy City Solicitor, Child Welfare, Philadelphia Law Department and Christopher Rider, Deputy City Solicitor, Labor and Employment, Philadelphia Law Department

Art of Persuasion: How to Convince a Fact-Finder to Rule in Your Favor

At the end of the day, litigators need to be able to convince a factfinder that they're right, and the other side is wrong. This CLE will examine the preparation and execution of hearing and trials through the lens of persuasion – how do you present a convincing case that carries the day for your client in trials, hearings, or other fact-finding forums. Topics will include witness preparation, theme development, preliminary motions, openings, witness examinations, and closings.

Speakers: Lisa Bellino Apelian, Chief Trial Attorney, Campbell, Lipski & Dochney
Honorable Leon Tucker, Judge, Court of Common Pleas

Honorable Richard A. Lloret, Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
Mark V. Maguire, Divisional Deputy City Solicitor, Civil Rights, City of Philadelphia Law Department

B. City Contracts - Enforcement

COORDINATORS: Lawrence Copeland, Senior Attorney, Economic Development and Investments, Philadelphia Law Department and Dimitrios Mavroudis, Deputy City Solicitor, General Litigation, Philadelphia Law Department

Enforcing City Contracts (Breaking Up Is Hard To Do)

This course will focus on all aspects of entering into and enforcing commercial agreements with the City of Philadelphia. We will begin with topics surrounding the negotiation and formation of the contract. Next we will discuss the client's responsibilities with respect to their management of the contract and ensuring that all parties to the contract (including the City) are living up to their obligations. Finally, we will outline the litigation process should the contractual relationship dissolve and how formation and enforcement of the contract can shape the outcome of a lawsuit.

Speakers: Lawrence Copeland, Senior Attorney, Philadelphia Law Department
Amy L. Kurland, Inspector General, City of Philadelphia
Dimitrios Mavroudis, Deputy City Solicitor, Philadelphia Law Department
Jared N. Klein, Orphanides & Toner, LLP

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. – LUNCH (ROOM 204AB)

Keynote Speaker: Third Circuit Judge Luis Felipe Restrepo followed by Law Department Awards Presentation

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Concurrent Courses (2 Substantive Credits Each)

A. Affirmative Litigation: The City's Emergence as Plaintiff and Enforcer of Its Rights

COORDINATORS: Kenneth S. Butensky, Chief Deputy City Solicitor, Claims, Philadelphia Law Department and Eleanor Ewing, Chief Deputy City Solicitor, General Litigation, Philadelphia Law Department

The City has been taking a renewed interest in using litigation as a tool for effecting societal change, as well as for recovering for damages to its interests. In addition, there are a number of new initiatives aimed at more effectively collecting revenues already due to the City, whether from tort judgments or tax obligations. Come hear about the Law Department's past and present efforts at affirmative litigation, the unique legal issues which can affect the City when it acts as a plaintiff, how the City is finding new ways to increase its collections, and what we all should know about turning a judgment into actual cash. Speakers will include a former City Solicitor, outside counsel working with the City on policy-oriented cases, the "Dean of the Philadelphia Collections Bar" now assisting the City in enforcing its tort judgments, and one of our own colleagues deep in the pursuit of unpaid tax revenues.

Speakers: Kenneth I. Trujillo, Esquire, Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP, Partner

Suzanne Sangree, Senior Public Safety Counsel, Baltimore City Law Department.
Drew Salaman, Esquire, Principal and President of Salaman / Henry
Frank Paiva, Chief Deputy City Solicitor, Tax Litigation, Philadelphia Law
Department

B. Drones: Uses, Regulations and Legal Implications

COORDINATORS: Eva Miller, Assistant City Solicitor, Corporate and Tax, Philadelphia Law Department and Kelly Diffily, Deputy City Solicitor, Appeals and Legislation, Philadelphia Law Department

This course will highlight the legal issues and regulatory framework developing in response to a rapidly emerging technology - Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), more commonly referred to as drones. We will dive into issues such as: What are the safety risks posed by drones, and how are FAA current and proposed regulations attempting to mitigate these risks? What role, if any, do municipalities have when it comes to regulating drones to protect the privacy and safety of citizens? This course will also examine the potential drones hold to transform our economy and daily lives by exploring the wide variety of uses for drones in the private and public sectors.

Speakers: Dean E. Griffith, Unmanned Aircraft Systems Regulatory Policy & Outreach Team
Lead, FAA Office of the Chief Counsel
Eric Smith, Partner, Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell
Ellen Bass, Ph.D., Professor and Head of the Department of Information Science,
and Professor, Department of Health Systems and Services, Drexel University
James A. Robb, Acting Risk Manager-City of Wilmington, DE
David Day, Executive Vice President, Keystone Aerial Surveys, Inc.