



## CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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The Law Department continues its longstanding tradition of providing an annual citywide continuing legal education program (CLE) developed specifically for attorneys involved in municipal law. This year, through the hard work of the many course coordinators, panelists and support staff, we have put together a program which focusses on a number of topical issues such as campaign finance and general election support, and the making of a national special security event like the Democratic National Convention. Our program also offers some exceptional practice pointers for both litigation and transactional lawyers. The *Art of Persuasion* course, for instance, will emphasize what matters to litigators—winning over the fact-finder! In another course, *Enforcing City Contracts*, panelists will discuss unique aspects of entering into and enforcing commercial agreements with the City of Philadelphia. In addition, at my request, the agenda includes a course on affirmative litigation in which the panelists will discuss how the Law Department is assisting the City as Plaintiff and developing strategies to enforce its judgments to increase much needed revenue for City operations and services.

I want to recognize the substantial work of the attorneys from the Law Department who have served as course coordinators and planned presentations for the benefit of each of us. Their effort is particularly noteworthy because I know that did this on top of the substantial workload that they have in their daily work representing the City. I also thank the many panelists from outside the Law Department for supporting our program. The expertise offered to all attendees is extraordinary and I expect this training will enhance the legal services we provide to our clients. I also thank the program planners for their hard work, and especially thank First Deputy Craig Straw for his contribution in developing this year's program and Donna Mouzayck, Deputy Administrative Solicitor, for sharing her knowledge from planning prior CLE programs.

I am very happy we will have an opportunity through this CLE program to discuss many issues and challenges we face in our work. I invite each of you to contribute your thoughts, questions, and issues during the two-day program. Each of our panels will allocate some time for questions and discussion so, please do not be reluctant to share your view or expertise.

I also remind you that during the program, we will ask you to suggest topics that may be helpful to your municipal practice. This will assist us in planning the program for next year.

Those who attend the full two-day program will receive 12 CLE credits, including two ethics credits. The total number of CLE credits required annually remains 12 hours. Please be sure to sign and submit to our staff an Attendance Sheet after each course and a Pennsylvania CLE Credit Request Form, which the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board requires, at the end of the second day of the program. If you do not plan to attend the full program, please see our staff after your last course to complete the required Pennsylvania CLE Credit Request Form.

On behalf of the entire City of Philadelphia Law Department, I welcome you to the twenty-second annual CLE, "Life in the Big City"! Enjoy the program!

Sincerely,



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