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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 concentrated program focusing on a number of topical issues such as: the data privacy implications of using smart devices; election security and cyber threats; the recent Pennsylvania Clean Slate Law; challenges of overcoming racial and economic oppression; and the ethical implications of engaging with the media. As in years past, our program will also include a United States Supreme Court and Pennsylvania Supreme Court Update.

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 they 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 contributions in developing this year's program.

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 a Registration Confirmation – PA CLE Credit Request Form, which is required by the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board, at the end of each session. Please advise our staff if you do not plan to attend the full two-day program.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marcel S. Pratt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "M" and "P".

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