



Municipal Law Program
Annual Meeting ♦ Awards Presentation

Wednesday, September 13, 2017
Council Chambers, City Hall – Holland, Michigan

Agenda

8:30 am Registration & Check-In

9:00 am Welcome & Introductions
Clyde Robinson, Kalamazoo City Attorney, MAMA President

9:05 am Public –Private Partnerships: Holland’s Perspective
Moderator: Jennifer Owens, President, Lakeshore Advantage

Public-Private Partnerships can catalyze economic growth in a community and spur the development of creative solutions to challenges by bringing municipalities together with business and non-profit partners. Hear how the Holland community has leveraged partnerships from a panel of community leaders behind public/private efforts in economic development, housing and education.

10:15 am 2017 Health Care Outlook and Issues for Governmental Health Care and Wellness Plans
Amy M. Christen, Dykema Gossett, PLLC

What's the outlook for health plans in 2017? What trends are on the horizon during these uncertain times, and what opportunities exist moving forward for governments seeking to be cost-effective in providing health insurance to employees?

10:45 am Networking Break

11:00 am MAMA Annual Meeting
Clyde Robinson, Kalamazoo City Attorney, MAMA President

Academy of Municipal Attorneys
Andrew J. Mulder, Holland City Attorney

12:00 pm Luncheon – Training Room

Remarks from the State Bar President Lawrence P. Nolan

Award Presentation

Distinguished Municipal Attorney Award

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1:45 pm Preservation of Internet Materials Citations in Judicial Opinions
Kathryn L. Loomis, Reporter of Decisions, Michigan Supreme Court

As the Internet has become a greater part of our daily lives, courts have increasingly needed to use and refer to Internet sites and materials in opinions. But unlike books that are archived in libraries, Internet sources are often short-lived. Should courts preserve information from the Internet when it is cited in an opinion? What information from the Internet can be preserved? Are there guidelines to assist judges in making the determination of what information to preserve? How can courts ensure that the information that was viewed and relied upon by a judge will be the same information seen by subsequent visitors to that Internet site? Learn about how courts around the country are approaching these issues.

2:45 pm Networking Break

3:00 pm University of Michigan Online Court Project
Technology-Aided Access to Courts through Enhanced Online Functionality
J.J. Prescott, Professor of Law, University of Michigan School of Law

Judicial systems exist to provide a way for societies to organize themselves around the rule of law. In order to accomplish this goal, courts need to be (1) accessible; (2) fair; and (3) cost-effective. American courts can be difficult to understand and use, especially for people without attorneys. An technology-driven approach to public interaction with courts has the potential to improve accessibility and make courts better suited to the information age. Learn about the project and its plan outreach aimed at a statewide scale up of technology in courts throughout Michigan.

4:00 pm ListServ Watercooler – Concerns and Connundrums

6:00 pm Host City Reception (*Haworth Worldwide Headquarters*)
Nametags must be worn to be admitted to Host City Reception