



Tennessee Local Government Forum 2016

March 18, 2016 – Nashville

Program Description: Government law is an ever-changing area of practice with its unique blend of constitutional law, statutory law, and case law. This year's program will cover general provisions of the Tennessee's Open Records Act and discuss common records requests and issues working with school boards. Learn about the recent changes in laws relative to whistle blower protection and retaliatory discharge. Speakers will also address construction in government contracts and ethical considerations for government lawyers. ***Breakfast will be provided.***

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Agenda

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| 8:30 – 8:55 a.m. | Registration/Breakfast/Welcome |
| 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. | Open Records Act
<i>This session will discuss the general provisions of Tennessee's Public Records Act and how to respond to a public records request.</i>
Janet Irene Kleinfelter , <i>Office of the Attorney General</i> |
| 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. | Interacting With Local Education Agencies – Legal and Practical Tips for the Practitioner
<i>This session will focus on legal issues that affect school systems, and will offer practical tips for use when dealing with a school or an LEA.</i>
William “Bill” Squires , <i>Williamson County Schools</i> |
| 11:00 – 11:15 a.m. | BREAK |
| 11:15 – 12:15 p.m. | Retaliatory Discharge
<i>This session will cover the recent changes in the laws relative to whistleblower protection and retaliatory discharge. In addition, this program will emphasize methods to use to avoid claims.</i>
Keith Dennen , <i>Dickinson Wright</i> |

12:15 – 1:00 p.m.

LUNCH (*On Your Own*)

1:15 – 2:15 p.m.

Construction in Government Contracts

This session will discuss the significant differences in public and private sector construction work, especially as it relates to risk management and handling of potential damages and claims.

Mark Bell, Waller

Chris Dunn, Waller

2:15 – 3:15 p.m.
(1 Dual)

Ethical Considerations for the Local Government Lawyer

Learn about the ethical considerations for local government lawyers to include what conversations are covered by attorney client privilege, common ethical dilemmas for newly-elected public officials, social media's impact on the ethical practice of law, and the impartation of advice to various agencies, departments, and appointed officials.

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Credit hours: 4 general, 1 dual