



2026 Municipal Attorneys Winter Conference & Fundamentals Workshop

Fundamentals Workshop

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Room 2601

1:00pm	Check-in	Atrium
1:30pm	Welcome & Introductions <i>Adam Lovelady & Becca Fisher-Gabbard, School of Government</i>	
2:00pm	Municipal Authority, Purpose, & Structure <i>Becca Fisher-Gabbard</i>	1.0 general
3:00pm	Break	
3:15pm	Local Government Finance <i>Rebecca Badgett, School of Government</i>	1.0 general
4:15pm	Break	
4:30pm	Land Use <i>Adam Lovelady</i>	1.0 general
5:30pm	Social Activity (RSVP encouraged)	

Thursday, March 26, 2026

Room 2601

8:30am	Open Meetings & Public Records <i>Becca Fisher-Gabbard</i>	1.0 general
9:30am	Break	
9:45am	Contracting & Procurement <i>Crista Cuccaro, School of Government</i>	1.0 general
10:45am	Break	
11:00am	Who's Your Client? The Role of Municipal Attorney <i>Chris McLaughlin & Becca Fisher-Gabbard, School of Government</i> <i>Karen McDonald, City Attorney, Raleigh</i> <i>Angela Beeker, City Attorney, Hendersonville</i> <i>Ben Gallop, Partner & Founder, Gallop Law Firm, PLLC</i>	1.0 ethics
12:00pm	Lunch	Atrium

*Fundamentals Workshop CLE Totals: 5.0 general; 1.0 ethics
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Thursday, March 26, 2026

Room 2603

12:00pm	Check-in	Atrium
1:00pm	Welcome & Introductions <i>Adam Lovelady and Becca Fisher-Gabbard, School of Government</i> <i>Aimee Wall, Dean, School of Government</i> <i>NCAMA President, Kim Rehberg, City Attorney, Durham</i>	
1:30pm	Providing Police Services <i>Jeff Welty, School of Government</i>	1.0 general
2:30pm	Break	
2:45pm	State Bar Grievance Process for Municipal Attorneys <i>Jessica Arnold & Ryan Meisnere, Deputies Counsel, North Carolina State Bar</i>	1.0 ethics
3:45pm	Break	
4:00pm	Emerging First Amendment Issues <i>Kristi Nickodem, School of Government</i> <i>Kim Rehberg, City Attorney, Durham</i> <i>Daniel Peterson, Partner, Parker Poe</i>	1.0 general
5:00pm	Reception	Atrium

Friday, March 27, 2025

Room 2603

8:00am	Networking Breakfast	Dining Room
9:00am	Web Accessibility Requirements for Local Governments <i>Derek Dittmar, Associate, Lewis Brisbois</i>	1.0 technology
10:00am	Break	
10:15am	Legal Challenges in Land Use Decisions <i>Jim Joyce, School of Government</i> <i>Katherine Barber-Jones, Partner, Hartzog Law Group</i> <i>Brad Branham, City Attorney, Asheville</i> <i>Ann Anderson, Counsel, Morningstar Law Group</i> <i>Brady Herman, The Brough Law Firm, PLLC</i>	1.0 general
11:15am	Break	
11:30am	Legislative Update <i>Erin Wynia & Patrick Buffkin, North Carolina League of Municipalities</i>	1.0 general
12:30pm	NCAMA Business Meeting	
12:45pm	Adjourn	

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