

# **TCAA Papers: 2008 – Present**

## **2008 TCAA Summer Conference Speaker Papers**

### **Immigration – Legal Issues Affecting Cities**

Diane Wetherbee, City Attorney, Plano, and TCAA Board Member; Paige Mims, Assistant City Attorney, Plano

### **Elections Issues for City Attorneys**

Analeslie Muncy, Attorney at Law, Irving

### **Supreme Court Update**

The Honorable Dale Wainwright, Justice, Supreme Court of Texas

### **Recent Federal Cases of Interest to Cities**

Randy Montgomery, D. Randall Montgomery and Associates, Dallas

### **Recent State Cases of Interest to Cities**

Barbara Boulware-Wells, Akers and Boulware-Wells, Austin

### **Code Enforcement Issues for City Attorneys**

Brenda McDonald, Assistant City Attorney, Irving; Pamela Oglesby, Chief Prosecutor, Austin

### **Municipal Utility Districts – The Pros/Cons of a MUD as Your Neighbor**

Scott Levine, Banowsky and Levine, Dallas

### **Police Officer Separation – TCLEOSE Forms and Hearings**

George Hyde, Denton, Navarro, Rocha and Bernal, San Antonio

### **Coming Up for Air in the Sea of Texas Water Resource Planning**

Mark Taylor, Attorney at Law, San Marcos

### **Ethics – Real World Examples**

Ross Fischer, City Attorney, Seguin

### **Recent Attorney General Opinions of Interest to Cities**

Julian Grant, Municipal Affairs Division Chief, Office of the Texas Attorney General

### **Avoiding Employment Law Traps – Preparing City Officials**

Frank Waite, Thompson and Knight, Dallas

### **Contractual Immunity**

Ryan Henry, Denton, Navarro, Rocha and Bernal, San Antonio

## **2008 TCAA Fall Conference Speaker Papers**

### **Avoiding Takings Claims**

Heather Scott, Willette and Guerra, Brownsville

### **Recent State Cases of Interest to Cities**

Miguel Matos, Denton, Navarro, Rocha and Bernal, San Antonio; Mike Hayes, City Attorney, Kerrville

### **Key Construction Claims – Top Ten Issues for City Attorneys**

Jeff Chapman, Ford, Nassen and Baldwin, Austin

### **Sign Law – What City Attorneys Need to Know**

Randal Morrison, Sabine and Morrison, San Diego

### **Cutting Edge Economic Development Tools**

Peter Smith, Nichols, Jackson, Dillard, Hager, and Smith, Dallas

### **Recent Federal Cases of Interest to Cities**

Randy Montgomery, D. Randall Montgomery and Associates, Dallas

### **Ethics – Challenges Unique to City Attorneys**

Alan Bojorquez, Bovey and Bojorquez, Austin

## **2009 Riley Fletcher Basic Municipal Law Seminar**

### **Types of City Government**

Monte Akers, Akers and Boulware-Wells, Austin

### **Open Government**

Bill Longley, Legal Counsel, Texas Municipal League

### **Land Use**

Amber Slayton and Joseph Gorfida, Jr., Nichols, Jackson, Dillard, Hager and Smith, Dallas

### **Ethics**

Ross Fischer, City Attorney, Seguin

### **Municipal Court**

Ryan Turner, General Counsel, Texas Municipal Courts Education Center

### **Tort Claims Act**

Dick Evans, Staff Attorney, Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Political Subdivision Liability

**Economic Development**

Jeff Moore, Brown and Hofmeister, Richardson

**Personnel**

Charles Anderson, City Attorney, Irving, and TCAA President

**Purchasing**

Julian Grant, Office of the Attorney General, Austin

**2009 TCAA Summer Conference Speaker Papers****The Ethics of Handling Municipal Matters Involving Unrepresented Parties**

Meredith Ladd, Brown and Hofmeister, Richardson

**Climate Change and its Impacts on Municipal Operations**

Paul Gosselink, Lloyd Gosselink, Austin, and Jason Tournillion, GT Environmental Finance, Austin

**Redistricting Issues for City Attorneys**

Bob Heath, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, Austin

**Police/Fire Labor Relations Update**

Lowell Denton, Denton, Navarro, Rocha and Bernal, San Antonio

**Recent Federal Cases of Interest to Cities**

Randy Montgomery, D. Randall Montgomery and Associates, Dallas

**Recent State Cases of Interest to Cities**

Laura Mueller, Texas Municipal League, Austin

**Taking Control over Natural Gas Gathering and Transmission Pipelines and Compressor**

Station Companies, David Klein, Lloyd Gosselink, Austin

**What City Attorneys Should Know About Ethics and the Legislature**

Royce Poinsett, McGinnis, Lochridge and Kilgore, Austin

**Real Estate FAQ's by City Attorneys or What is the Difference Between a Right-of-Way and an Easement**

Kevin Laughlin, Nichols, Jackson, Dillard, Hager and Smith, Dallas

**When Disaster Strikes**

Legal Staff, Galveston

**Ethics**

Jason King and Nathan Akers, Akers and Boulware-Wells, Austin

**CCN Update**

Art Rodriguez, Russell and Rodriguez, Georgetown

**Airport Law 101**

Robert Sims, Assistant City Attorney, Dallas

**Anatomy of a TCEQ Enforcement Action**

Kerry Russell, Russell and Rodriguez, Georgetown

**FMLA/ADA Update**

Frank Waite, Thompson and Knight, Dallas

**2009 TCAA Fall Meeting Speaker Papers****Eminent Domain Update**

Loren B. Smith, Olson and Olson, Houston

**Recent State Cases of Interest to Cities**

Clarissa Rodriguez, Denton, Navarro, Rocha and Bernal, San Antonio

**Veterans Employment Rights**

Sheila Gladstone, Lloyd Gosselink, Austin

**Alternative Delivery Methods for Construction Projects**

Tim Matheny, Ford, Nassen and Baldwin, Dallas

**Open Meetings Act – Unconstitutional?**

Scott Houston, Texas Municipal League, Austin

**Recent Federal Cases of Interest to Cities**

Randy Montgomery, D. Randall Montgomery and Associates, Dallas

**Hotel Tax Update**

Bennett Sandlin, Texas Municipal League, Austin

**Ethics**

Ross Fischer, Denton, Navarro, Rocha and Bernal, San Antonio

**2010 Riley Fletcher Basic Municipal Law Seminar  
Speaker Papers****Types of City Government**

Scott Houston, Director of Legal Services, Texas Municipal League

**Open Meetings**

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**Public Information Act**

Heather Silver, Assistant City Attorney, City of Dallas

**Land Use**

Amber Slayton and Joseph Gorfida, Jr., Nichols, Jackson, Dillard, Hager and Smith, Dallas

**Ethics**

Chris Caso and Gwen Satterthwaite, Assistant City Attorneys, City of Dallas

**Municipal Court**

Bonnie Goldstein, Bonnie Lee Goldstein, P.C., Dallas

**Tort Claims Act**

Lori Gillespie, Staff Attorney, Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool

**Economic Development**

Bennett Sandlin, General Counsel, Texas Municipal League

**Personnel**

Laura Muller, Legal Counsel, Texas Municipal League

**Purchasing**

Ben Wyse, Messer, Campbell & Brady, Frisco

**[2010 TCAA Summer Conference Speaker Papers](#)****Ethics - Lessons from 40 Years as City Attorney**

Bob Flournoy, Former City Attorney, Lufkinn

**Seeking Effective Amicus Support**

Robert Fugate, Assistant City Attorney, Arlington

**The Legislative Process – How it Really Works**

Snapper Carr, General Counsel, Focused Advocacy

**Municipal Court: The Basics**

Miles Risley, City Attorney, and Kinley Hegglund, Senior Assistant City Attorney, Wichita Falls

**Personnel: Disciplinary Action Process**

Matthew C.G. Boyle, Boyle and Lowry, Irving

**Recent Federal Cases of Interest to Cities**

Randy Montgomery, D. Randall Montgomery and Associates, Dallas

**Recent State Cases of Interest to Cities**

Ron Stutes, Potter Minton, Tyler

**Bankruptcy: What Every City Attorney Should Know**

Robert Franke, Strasburger and Price, Frisco

**Nuisances: Code Enforcement**

Slater Elza, Underwood Law Firm, Amarillo

**Ethics – the City Attorney as “Investigator”**

Liz Provencio and Ross Fischer, Denton, Navarro, Rocha and Bernal, San Antonio

**The Home Rule Charter Review Process**

Charlie Zech, Denton, Navarro, Rocha and Bernal, San Antonio

**Recent Developments at the PUC, RRC, and TWDB**

Georgia Crump, Thomas Brocato, and Brad Castleberry, Lloyd Gosselink, Austin

**Civil Service Update**

Ric Navarro, Denton, Navarro, Rocha and Bernal, Harlingen

**Ethics**

Peter Merkl, Assistant City Attorney, Corpus Christi

**Contractor Default/Surety Performance**

Jeff Chapman, Ford, Nassen and Baldwin, Austin

**Cell Tower Siting Update**

Omar Izfar, Assistant City Attorney, Houston

**Selling Municipal Property for Economic Development**

Pete Smith, Nichols, Jackson, Dillard, Hager and Smith, Dallas

**The Impact of Social Networking on Cities**

Cindy Crosby, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, Austin

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**Breach of Contract Claims**

Andy Messer, Messer, Campbell & Brady, Frisco

**Recent State Cases of Interest to Cities:**

Brad Young, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, Austin

**How Much Will that Substandard Building Demolition Really Cost You?:**

Tim Sralla, Taylor, Olson, Adkins, Sralla & Elam, Fort Worth

**Future Municipal Water Supplies – From Planning to Implementation:**

Martin Rochelle, Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, Austin

**Recent Federal Cases of Interest to Cities:**

Randy Montgomery, D. Randall Montgomery and Associates, Dallas

**TABC Update**

Claire Swann, Abernathy, Roeder, Boyd and Joplin, McKinney

**Recreational Use Statute Update:**

James Parker, Knight and Partners, Austin

**Employee Privacy and Free Speech Rights Update:**

Sheila Gladstone, Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, Austin

**Ethics – City Attorneys and the Attorney-Client Privilege:**

Leonard Schneider, Houston

**2011 Riley Fletcher Basic Municipal Law Seminar**  
**Speaker Papers**

**Types of City Government**

Christy Drake-Adams, Legal Counsel, Texas Municipal League

**Open Meetings**

Scott Houston, General Counsel, Texas Municipal League

**Public Information Act**

Bill Longley, Legal Counsel, Texas Municipal League

**Economic Development**

Floyd Akers, City Attorney, Pflugerville

**Ethics**

Frank Garza, Davidson & Troilo, City Attorney, Poteet

**Municipal Court**

Bonnie Goldstein, Bonnie Lee Goldstein, P.C., Dallas

**Tort Claims Act**

Dick Evans, Staff Attorney, Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool

**Land Use**

Amber Slayton and Kim Lafferty, Lafferty & Slayton, PLLC, Dallas

**Personnel**

Laura Mueller, Assistant General Counsel, Texas Municipal League

**Purchasing**

Scott Houston, General Counsel, Texas Municipal League

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**Ethics: Social Media and Legal Ethics Update**

Sheila B. Gladstone, Lloyd, Gosselink, Rochelle and Townsend, Austin

**Title VII and the Guidelines: Promotional Exams and Recent Trends**

Clarissa Rodriguez, Denton, Navarro, Rocha and Bernal, San Antonio

**How to Write a Prosecutor Friendly Ordinance**

Robin Cross, Assistant City Attorney, Galveston

**Making Public/Private Partnerships Work**

Ron Stutes, Potter Minton, Tyler

**"Sinful Activities" Regulation and the First Amendment**

Brad Bullock, Russell and Rodriguez, Georgetown

**Budget Pitfalls**

Leela Fireside, Assistant City Attorney, Austin

**Recent Federal Cases of Interest to Cities**

Randy Montgomery, D. Randall Montgomery and Associates, Dallas

**Recent State Cases of Interest to Cities**

Sarah Gardner-Cox, Assistant City Attorney, Temple

**Zoning Board of Adjustment – Pitfalls to Avoid**

Steven Wood, Taylor, Olson, Adkins, Sralla and Elam, Fort Worth

**Ethics: Duties, Obligations, and Potential Liability for Signing Legal Opinion Letters**

Slater Elza, Underwood Law Firm, Amarillo

**Advanced Employment Law Pitfalls – Dos and Don'ts**

Elisabeth Kaylor, Assistant City Attorney, Arlington

**Legislative Update**

Scott Houston, Texas Municipal League, Austin

**Billboard and Sign Regulation: Recent Cases and Trends**

Chris Nichols, Randle Law Office, Houston

**Top Ten Construction Procurement Mistakes**

Jeff Chapman and Curt Martin, Ford, Nassen and Baldwin, Austin/Houston

**Effective Communications with the Police Department**

Joe C. Tooley, Dallas

**Real Estate Issues: Dealing with Liens and Other Issues**

Kevin B. Laughlin, Nichols, Jackson, Dillard, Hager and Smith, Dallas

**[2011 TCAA Fall Conference Speaker Papers](#)****High Plains Saga**

Geoffrey Gay, Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend P.C.

**Regulation of Group Homes**

Monte Akers and Jason D. King, Akers & Boulware-Wells, LLP

**Redistricting Update**

Scott Bounds, Olson and Olson, L.L.P., Houston

**Recent Federal Cases of Interest to Cities**

D. Randall Montgomery, D. Randall Montgomery & Associates, P.L.L.C., Dallas

**Public Information Act: E-mail and Electronic Media**

Bob Heath, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta L.L.P., Austin

**Smoking Regulations**

Fritz Quast, Taylor, Olson, Adkins, Sralla and Elam, L.L.P., Fort Worth

**Recent State Cases of Interest to Cities**

Dean Roggia, Assistant City Attorney, City of Waco

**Conflicts of Interest: Facing the City Attorney**

George E. Hyde & Ross Fischer, Denton, Navarro, Rocha & Bernal, P.C., Austin

**Immigration Issues for Cities**

Kathleen Campbell Walker, Cox/Smith, El Paso