

29th

Annual Seminar

FLORIDA MUNICIPAL ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION

Amelia Island Plantation

July 29 - 31, 2010



General Information

The 29th Annual Seminar of the Florida Municipal Attorneys Association (FMAA) will be held at the **Amelia Island Plantation, July 29 - 31, 2010**. This family-friendly resort is the perfect place to mix a lot of education with just enough relaxation.

The seminar will begin on Thursday afternoon at 12:45 p.m. with sessions on Friday and Saturday mornings. A tentative program has been included as a general representation of topics to be discussed. Although unlikely, the tentative program is subject to change.

A full reception including cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres is planned for Thursday evening. Up to two tickets for the reception are included in the registration fee. Additional reception tickets may be purchased at a cost of \$15.00 for children ages 5 - 12 and \$25.00 for children older than 12 and adults. A luncheon is planned for Friday afternoon and one ticket is included in the registration fee. Additional luncheon tickets may be purchased for \$25.00.

>>Seminar Registration

You are encouraged to register in advance to avoid any delays at the seminar registration desk. Please fill out the enclosed **Seminar Registration Form** and return it with all registration fees to the **Florida Municipal Attorneys Association, P.O. Box 1757, Tallahassee, FL 32302-1757**. **If you have any questions, contact Tammy Revell or Melanie Howe at (850) 222-9684. Make checks payable to the "Florida Municipal Attorneys Association."**

Visa or **MasterCard** payments may be faxed to (850) 222-3806. Please, no purchase orders. When your registration form is received, a confirmation of registration will be e-mailed or mailed for each person registered.

Please Note: If you are physically challenged and require special services, or if you have special dietary needs, please attach a written description to your registration form.

>>Online Registration

FMAA also offers a convenient online registration option through our Web site at www.fmaa.us. Simply follow the instructions and complete the registration form. The system will automatically total your registration fee. Choose your method of payment, submit and your registration will be sent to FMAA.

There are two payment options for online registration. You can select to send a check to the address noted above, or you can pay directly online with a Visa or MasterCard. Registrations submitted and paid online via credit card will automatically be marked as paid and you will receive your conference confirmation immediately via e-mail! (You must supply your e-mail address to receive your confirmation.) Conference confirmations include your registration information, totals and registration number for your reference.

NOTE: Online registration is subject to the same deadlines as regular registration. If you select to pay by check, your payment must reach the FMAA office postmarked no later than July 9, 2010, to qualify for the early registration fee. Otherwise, your registration will be subject to the higher regular fee.

>>Registration Fee

The early registration fee for the 29th Annual Seminar is \$250.00 and must be postmarked on or before July 9, 2010. Registrations postmarked after July 9 will be subject to the regular registration fee of \$270.00. This fee covers all refreshment breaks, two tickets for the reception on Thursday evening, one Friday luncheon ticket and all printed materials.

>>Refunds

In the event prepaid registrants find it impossible to attend the seminar, a letter or fax received in our office to that effect by 5:00 p.m., Friday, **July 16, 2010**, will authorize a full refund. Prepaid registrants not canceled by **5:00 p.m., Friday, July 16**, will be included in the guaranteed attendance count. Because of the need to give advance guarantees, no refunds can be made after July 16, or for early departure from the seminar.

Hotel Accommodations

Association favorite, the **Amelia Island Plantation**, is the site for 2010's seminar.

FMAA has negotiated several rate options within the Plantation:

Resortview Room – \$154/Night

These rooms are located near the Racquet Park Conference and Tennis Center.

Resortview 1-Bedroom Suite – \$198/Night

Resortview 2-Bedroom Suite – \$324/Night

Each villa is unique and stylishly appointed. Villas include dining and kitchen space.

Oceanview Room – \$186/Night

These rooms are located in the Amelia Inn & Beach Club and are very near the Conference Center where all meetings will take place.

Oceanview 1-Bedroom Suite – \$259/Night

Oceanview 2-Bedroom Suite – \$384/Night

Each villa is unique and stylishly appointed. Villas include dining and kitchen space.

Note: The resort has a no-tipping policy. In lieu of this, the rates above are subject to a **\$10.00 per-adult, per-day service fee**, plus state and local taxes. The resort fee covers housekeeping, transportation, concierge, phone access and daily in-room coffee. Gratuities for bellmen, golf attendants and valet attendants are at the guest's discretion.

>> **Reservation Procedures**

Reservations can be made by contacting the Plantation directly at 1-(888) 261-6165. Reservations must be made prior to **June 28, 2010**, to help ensure rate and availability. Be sure to mention FMAA and the group code **8B11N3** in order to receive the reduced rates. Remember that we are unable to guarantee reservations for anyone, nor the exact date on which the hotel block will sell out, **so don't delay.**

>> **Resort Policies** ⇨

Check-in time is after 4:00 p.m. Check-out time is before 11:00 a.m. One night's deposit is required to hold a reservation. Notice of cancellation must be received by the reservations department seven days prior to the arrival date.

>> **Recreational Activities** ⇨

The Plantation features unlimited recreational options. Swimming, championship golf, tennis, spa, fitness center, children's programs and beachfront activities are all available on resort property. A tram system provides continuous transportation throughout all areas of the resort. Fishing and horseback riding are available nearby. The Shops at Amelia Island Plantation provide unique on-site shopping opportunities, and historic downtown Fernandina Beach is only a short drive away. For more information, visit the Plantation's website at www.aipfl.com.

FMAA Tentative Program

Please note that the following topics are included as tentative topics and are subject to speaker confirmation. If you have any questions, please contact Eric Hartwell at (850) 222-9684.

►► **Thursday, July 29, 2010**

12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Registration

12:45 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Announcements and Introductions

1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

The City and Its Liability

- 1. Reapportionment:** A review of the law governing the obligations of municipalities to reapportion single member districts following the decennial census.
- 2. Claims Bill Process:** A presentation on the claims bill process, including strategies to successfully minimize an excess judgment during the process.
- 3. Liability Update:** A discussion of recent developments in the areas of sovereign immunity and civil rights liability.

2:20 p.m. - 3:35 p.m.

Back to Basics

- 1. Economic Development Incentives:** A presentation on the basic constitutional requirements municipalities must consider when offering economic development incentives, including aid to private corporations, the pledging of municipal credit and Florida's "public purpose" test.
- 2. Parliamentary Procedure:** A summary of Robert's Rules of Order's basic motions and their applicability to council meetings.
- 3. Business Taxes (aka Occupational License Taxes):** An overview on the law governing the authority of municipalities to levy business taxes, including the authority to set and adjust business tax rates.

>>Thursday, July 29, 2010 (continued)

3:40 p.m. - 4:55 p.m.

**Public Health, Safety
and Welfare of the City**

- 1. Red Light Cameras:** A review of the authority of municipalities to enact red light camera ordinances and practical suggestions the city attorney should consider when reviewing red light camera vendor agreements.
- 2. Municipal Airport Issues:** A discussion of questions uniquely associated with the operation of municipal airports, including zoning and height restrictions surrounding airports, airport zoning, noise control and ad valorem tax liabilities.
- 3. Select Code Enforcement Problems:** A discussion of select code enforcement issues the municipality may encounter in a down economy, including the disconnection of utility services for non-payment, the ability to hold a landlord responsible for unpaid utilities of tenants, the use of inspection warrants to enter private property to inspect for code violations, the use of cross liens to protect code enforcement fines and the ability to recover costs associated with the maintenance of abandoned properties.

5:30 p.m.

Reception

►► Friday, July 30, 2010

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Registration

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Ethics

An in-depth interactive presentation of various ethics topics relevant to the municipal attorney.

9:35 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

**Zoning, Planning and
Natural Resources**

- 1. Growth Management Update:** An update on issues associated with the implementation of the 2009 growth management legislation, as well as notable changes made during the 2010 legislative session.

2. **Takings Update:** An update on recent developments in the area of takings law across the State of Florida.
3. **Quasi-Judicial Proceedings:** A discussion of recent developments in the area of quasi-judicial proceedings.

11:05 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. The City and Its Public Employees

1. **Unemployment Compensation Hearings:** An overview of the Florida unemployment compensation law and the unemployment compensation determination process, including the appeals process.
2. **Labor Negotiation Impasse Proceedings:** A presentation on the law governing labor negotiation impasse proceedings, including issues that can be taken to impasse and imposed by the municipality and the mechanics of the impasse proceeding.
3. **Labor and Employment Law Update:** An update on recent developments in the area of employment and labor law.

**12:30 p.m. Luncheon
Awards Presentation
Business Meeting**

▶ ▶ Saturday, July 31, 2010

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Registration

8:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Hot Topics

1. **Municipal Election Issues:** A review of unique situations the city attorney may encounter during an election cycle, including the reopening of the qualification period, solutions when no one qualifies, the appointment of replacement officials, residency requirements and technical violations of the qualifications law.
2. **The IRS and the City Attorney:** A review of various issues the city attorney may confront when the city is faced with an IRS audit, including take-home city vehicle usage, city cell phone usage, independent contractor status of service providers and the like.

>>**Saturday, July 31, 2010 (continued)**

- 3. Numeric Nutrient Water Quality Standards:** A presentation on efforts to develop and apply federal numeric nutrient water quality standards to source and non-source points of pollution and its impact on municipal wastewater facilities and stormwater facilities.

9:35 a.m. - 10:50 a.m. Finance and the City

- 1. Bond Counsel:** An overview of the best practices of bond counsel and selection of bond counsel by an issuer in connection with the issuance of municipal bonds.
- 2. Stormwater Fees:** A review of the authority of municipalities to levy stormwater fees on other governmental entities.
- 3. Energy Special Assessments:** A presentation on the authority of municipalities to use special assessments to fund energy conservation improvements to private property.

10:55 a.m. - 12:25 p.m. Technology and the City

- 1. Wireless Communications Update:** A review of current issues and legal implications for Florida's municipalities, including the recent FCC declaratory ruling on the siting of wireless facilities, timetables and co-location, the interplay between federal regulation and state statutes governing communications and co-location, how to work with carriers to avoid litigation, what local governments can and cannot control and whether your wireless ordinance is up-to-date.
- 2. Public Records in Electronic Media:** A discussion of how so-called "metadata" stored by electronic documents, duties to preserve records and litigation holds on records should affect your understanding and treatment of public records.
- 3. Social Networking and the Public Records Law:** A review of the Sunshine Law and its application to the use of Facebook, Twitter and related social media services and Web sites by cities and city officials.

12:30 p.m. Adjourn

Please Note:

**Hotel Reservation Deadline:
June 28, 2010**

**Early Registration Deadline:
July 9, 2010**

**Seminar qualifies for CLE and local
government law certification.**



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