IMLA WORKING GROUPS PROGRAM

WHAT ARE IMLA WORKING GROUPS?

IMLA's 10 separate Working Groups bring local government attorneys** who share common problems together on conference calls and email listservs, so that you can share your experiences and facilitate problem solving in these areas of common interest with other local government attorneys from across the country. This is a **FREE SERVICE.** For now, you do not need to be a member of IMLA to participate in the working groups but we hope by participating you will see that we are moving forward to add value to membership in IMLA and that you will consider becoming a member. Obviously, at some point we will limit participation to members.

If you are interested in participating in any of the working groups listed below please indicate your interest by checking them off and returning the attached form with your full contact information to IMLA via fax at 202.785.0152 or email your interest to info@imla.org (please include your full contact information with the email). If you have specific questions about any of these working groups please contact Chuck Thompson at cthompson@imla.org IMLA will get back in touch with you once we know of your interest.

**** This service is available only to local government attorneys who fall under the following categories of IMLA membership: USA/Canadian Municipal Member, USA County Member and/or Special Districts Member. If you are not an IMLA member and are joining a Working Group, you must STILL fall under one the the above mentioned categories of membership.**

Please sign up to be on one or more of the following lists by checking off which groups you would to join and submitting the attached form provided below.

☐ **Border cities and counties** - This group is just forming and is intended to serve communities that deal with immigration and inter-border (international) interaction on a regular basis. The communities need not be on the border, but may include port cities and other communities.
☐ **Capital Cities** - This group is limited to the city attorneys who are counsel to the city that houses their state's capital.
☐ **Code Enforcement** - Pretty self descriptive. The most recent conference call discussed the Chicago vacant building registration law, previously, we members discussed the Portland, OR receivership program for distressed properties.
☐ **Coastal Cities and Counties** - This group is also very self-descriptive and is just getting started.
☐ **Counties** - This group is just forming and is intended for discussion of those issues unique to county governance.
☐ **Construction Law** - This group is just forming and is fairly self descriptive. Members are expected to come primarily from law offices where their principal area of practice involves construction law.
☐ **Employment Law** - This group is just forming and is self descriptive. Members are expected to come primarily from law offices where their principal area of practice is employment law.

 Foreclosure Litigation – Membership in this group is limited to municipalities who are in or are considering litigation against lending institutions and issues surrounding foreclosures. **You are required to sign a common interest agreement (to protect attorney-client privilege) and you must be from a jurisdiction where the agreement will protect the privilege.**
 Police Legal Advisors - This group is just forming and involves those attorneys assigned to provide advice to the police (or Sheriff's) department.
 Sport Cities and Counties - This group includes cities and counties with professional sports teams or facilities, sports franchises and the various stadia and other facilities that house them. This group is up and running and has been sharing information on issues such as naming rights.
 Stimulus - This group reviews various elements of The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and discusses how funds will flow and strategies that are working at the federal, state and local level to access funding.
 University Cities and Counties - deals with interactions between local governments and the universities and colleges within those jurisdictions and includes discussion of issues like housing, rental properties, alcohol abuse and rowdies; as well as other problems and solutions.
 Young Lawyers - (in which you must be under 40 and/or have less than 10 years of practice). This group is also just forming.

IMLA WORKING GROUPS SIGN UP FORM – fax to IMLA at 202.785.0152
Or email info@imla.org; or Chuck Thompson at cthompson@imla.org

NAME _____

TITLE (ex. Deputy City Attorney)_____

I WORK FOR:_____
(ex. New York Law Dept, Cincinnati Public Schools, Washington Suburban Sanitation Commission)

CITY _____

STATE, ZIP CODE _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

I would like to sign up for the following working groups – please spell out:

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