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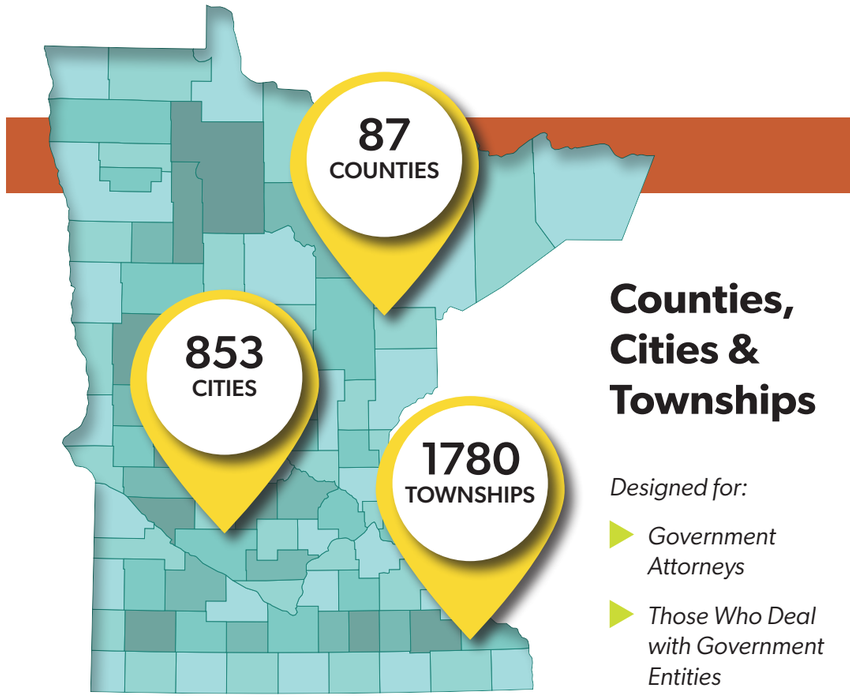

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DAY 1 – OCTOBER 1, 2026

MORNING PLENARY

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.
CHECK-IN & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00 – 9:15 a.m.
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

9:15 – 10:00 a.m.
The 2026 Minnesota Legislative Update
Anne Finn & Tori Kee

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
The 2026 Caselaw Update
Sharda Enslin

11:00 – 11:15 a.m.
BREAK

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. BREAKOUT SESSION A

001
Data Practices Act Requests for Employment and Labor Data
Toni Newborn, Jana O'Leary Sullivan & Renee Zachman

002 REPEATED AT #201
10 Real Estate Conveyancing Issues Involving Local Governments – And How to Do it Right!
Marty G. Helle

003
Creating a Cyber Security Incident Response Plan – How Local Governments Can Plan for and Respond to Evolving Threats
Daniel J. Ongaro

12:15 – 1:00 p.m. LUNCH *(provided by Minnesota CLE)*

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. BREAKOUT SESSION B

101 BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND
Government Employee Posts on Social Media – Are There Limits? What Actions to Take?
Jana O'Leary Sullivan

102
Best Practices for Getting Harassment Restraining Orders to Protect Government Employees
Wendy Murphy

103
Top Development Issues Facing Local Government Today
Maria Cisneros & Megan C. Rogers

2:00 – 2:15 p.m. BREAK

2:15 – 3:15 p.m. BREAKOUT SESSION C

201 REPEAT OF #002
10 Real Estate Conveyancing Issues Involving Local Governments – And How to Do it Right!
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202
Understanding the Important Issues in TIF or Other Economic Development Agreements
Peter J. Berrie

203
Managing Public Meetings – Advising Elected Representatives and Managing Public Participation
Thomas R. Donely, Bridget Nason & Melissa Manderschied

3:15 – 3:30 p.m. BREAK

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. BREAKOUT SESSION D

301
Zoning, Variances and Conditional Use Permits 101
Margaret L. Neuville

302
Minnesota ESST and Minnesota Paid Leave in Public Workplaces
Christina Benson

303
Cannabis Update – How Have the Courts and the Government Interpreted the Law?
Chase Burnham, Benjamin Koppel & Jason Tarasek

4:30 – 5:00 p.m.
The Government Law Institute Reception
Join your friends and colleagues for tasty refreshments, plus in-person conversation and networking, and fun Prize Drawings!

DAY 2 – OCTOBER 2, 2026

MORNING PLENARY

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00 – 9:05 a.m.
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

9:05 – 10:05 a.m.
The Good, the Bad and the Ugly of Responding to Data Requests: Dos, Don'ts, and Burdensome Requests
Petra Asani & Corrine A. Heine

10:05 – 10:50 a.m.
2026 Update on the Open Meeting Law
Korine L. Land

10:50 – 11:00 a.m.
BREAK

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. BREAKOUT SESSION E

401
Best Practices for Using AI in Local Government
McKaia Dykema

402
Update on Data Centers for Local Governments
Soren M. Mattick & Andrew M. Biggerstaff

403
How to Manage and Conduct Successful Internal Employment Investigations
Deborah Autrey & Jennifer R. Coates

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. LUNCH *(on your own)*

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. BREAKOUT SESSION F

501
Tips for Preparing Government Lawyers for Litigation, Arbitration, and Mediation
Stephanie A. Angolkar, Patricia Y. Beety & Antone Melton-Meaux

502
Tips and Tricks for Using Generative AI: Advice from the Cutting Edge
Mark Stignani

503
Open Meeting Roundtable
Korine L. Land

2:00 – 2:15 p.m. BREAK

2:15 – 3:15 p.m. BREAKOUT SESSION G

601
Fiber Companies in Government-Owned Right-of-Way – What Can the Government Do?
Michael R. Bradley & Brian T. Grogan

602
That's It – I'm Calling the Cops! Noise, Trash, and Problem Properties
Korine L. Land & Cynthia R. Kirchoff

603
Trends in Public Sector Labor Law
Susan Hansen

3:15 – 3:30 p.m. BREAK

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. CLOSING PLENARY

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Help for Colleagues in Crisis
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Jon M. Tynjala

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