

CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE

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The Minnesota Association of City Attorneys Education Conference was held February 5-6, 2016 at the Sheraton Bloomington. This year's informative sessions included presentations on public employment issues, nuisance abatement/special assessments, drone regulation, data practices, sign regulation, ethics, and public service.

Friday afternoon offered several breakout opportunities for attendees. One civil breakout session was directed at governmental immunities, administrative search warrants, and other rental property issues. A second civil breakout session focused on community solar gardens, bankruptcy notices, and utility billings. New liquor laws authorizing brewpubs, taprooms, and cocktail rooms was also discussed. There was also a criminal law session that provided information on the new Minnesota Government Access (MGA) computer information system, an update on DWI prosecutions and electronic search warrants, and the Public Defender E-Discovery program.

Saturday morning offered a series of roundtable discussions with attendees selecting two of the four offered topics. The discussion topics included nuisance abatement; protests, marches, and assemblies; tiny homes; and law enforcement body camera issues.

The annual conference was presented by GTS Educational Events in cooperation with the League of Minnesota Cities. It continues to be an excellent CLE for city attorneys throughout the state.