

ILLINOIS INSTITUTE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW

19th Annual Conference
Joint Program With
Municipal Prosecutors' Group

FEBRUARY 20, 2012

Naperville Campus, Northern Illinois University
1120 East Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois



- Administrative Adjudication
- Bond Compliance
- Civil Rights Update
- Conflicts of Interest
- Electric Aggregation
- Employment Law Update
- New Illinois Supreme Court Rules 570 through 579 on Ordinance Violation Prosecution.....**NEW SESSION ADDED TO PROGRAM!**

**LUNCHEON KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
STEPHEN R. PATTON, CORPORATION COUNSEL,
CITY OF CHICAGO**

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PROGRAM

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Registration & Continental Breakfast	
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.	<p>Avoiding Electric Aggregation Aggravation Aaron D. Rasty <i>President, Blue Star Energy Solutions</i></p> <p>Jon M. Casadon <i>Chief Legal Officer, Blue Star Energy Solution</i></p> <p>Michael Ellis <i>Village Manager, Village of Grayslake</i></p> <p>Michael Mays <i>Assistant to the Village Manager, Village of Grayslake</i></p> <p>Moderator, Greg Smith <i>Klein, Thorpe, & Jenkins</i></p>	<p>New Illinois Supreme Court Rules 570 through 579 on Ordinance Violation Prosecution <i>Presented by the Original Drafters of the Rules:</i></p> <p>Wayne Karplus <i>Assistant Corporate Counsel, Town of Normal</i></p> <p>Sonni Williams <i>Assistant Corporation Counsel, City of Peoria</i></p> <p>Anne Marie Lampariello-Perez <i>Rathje & Woodward, LLC</i></p>
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Break	
10:45 – 11:45 a.m.	<p>Knock, Knock. Who's There? Will You be Ready When the IRS or SEC Come Calling? Julie Kelly <i>Chapman & Cutler LLP</i></p> <p>Kent Floros <i>Chapman & Cutler LLP</i></p>	<p>Civil Rights Update Mike Bersani <i>Hervas, Condon & Bersani</i></p>
11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.	<p>Lunch and ILGL Awards</p> <p>Keynote Speaker: Stephen R. Patton <i>Corporation Counsel, City of Chicago</i></p>	
1:15 – 2:15 p.m.	<p>Administrative Adjudication James Wargo <i>Klein, Thorpe & Jenkins, Ltd.</i></p> <p>Victor Puscas <i>Camic Johnson, Ltd</i></p>	<p>Employment Law Update Jill O'Brien <i>Laner, Muchin, Dombrow, Becker, Levin and Tominberg, Ltd.</i></p>
2:15 – 2:30 p.m.	Break	
2:30 – 3:45 p.m.	<p>Conflicts of Interest James Sotos <i>James G. Sotos & Associates, Ltd.</i></p>	
3:45 – 4:00 p.m.	Annual Business Meeting	

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The registration fee includes continental breakfast and lunch as well as all handout materials.

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DATE

Monday, February 20, 2012

LOCATION

Northern Illinois University, Naperville Campus
1120 East Diehl Road
Naperville, IL 60563

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About the Speakers...

Michael D. Bersani is a 1985 graduate of the University of Illinois and a 1988 graduate of The John Marshall Law School. Bersani has concentrated his practice almost exclusively in representing and defending local governments in federal civil rights and municipal tort litigation. His practice areas include police misconduct, wrongful termination and employment discrimination and municipal and park district law. Mr. Bersani is admitted to the bars of the U.S. Supreme Court, Seventh Circuit, and the U.S. District Courts for the Northern and Central Districts of Illinois. He is also a member of the trial bar for the Northern District.

Jon M. Casadant is the Chief Legal Officer of BlueStar Energy, Jon oversees all regulatory and legal matters for the company. Prior to leaving private practice, Jon had served as counsel for BlueStar while working for a Chicago law firm. After guiding BlueStar Energy through Federal and State regulatory certification proceedings, he joined the company as General Counsel in 2004. Jon was recently selected as a National First Chair Award recipient for 2011 for Top General Counsel. Jon received his BA from the University of Wisconsin and his JD (High Honors) from the Chicago-Kent College of Law. In 2011, Jon joined United States Senator Mark Kirk's Energy Advisory Board.

Mike Ellis received his undergraduate degree from Bradley University (B.A., Political Science). Mr. Ellis has worked for the Village of Grayslake since 1984. Mr. Ellis's major responsibilities include oversight of the day-to-day operations of all Village departments including Administration, Finance, Community Development, Police, Recreation, and Public Works. Mr. Ellis also represents the Village's various intergovernmental organizations including Central Lake County joint Action Water Agency, Solid Waste Agency of Lake County, and Lake County Municipal League.

Kent Floros Kent Floros has served as bond counsel, disclosure counsel and underwriter's counsel to numerous governmental issuers throughout the State of Illinois. He has authored pension disclosures for the State of Illinois, the City of Chicago, Cook County and other large metropolitan issuers and consulted on legislative solutions to pension underfunding issue for certain of these issuers. Frequently presents to clients and trade groups on topics related to Illinois public finance and federal securities law, primarily with regard to disclosure issues. He is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in the State of Illinois and member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).

Julie Kelly is an associate in the Public Finance Department of Chapman and Cutler LLP who joined the firm in 2005. Ms Kelly's practice focuses on acting as bond counsel for governmental use financings. She has extensive experience in the area of financing for cities, counties, park districts, school districts, village and various other units of local government. She has publicly presented on various municipal finance topics including The Public Investors' Financial Symposium 2007, and the 2nd Annual Municipal Practice & Litigation Institute.

Mike May joined the Village of Grayslake in 2005. In his current role as Assistant to the Village Manager, his responsibilities include contract administration, data analysis and reporting, multi-year financial forecasting, and management of the Village's consulting engineers. He is responsible for the development and implementation of the Village's electric aggregation program. Mike is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame.

Jill O'Brien joined Laner, Muchin, Dombrow, Becker, Levin and Tomlinbert, Ltd. in 1989. She represents public and private sector employers in numerous areas including collective bargaining negotiations, harassment and discrimination prevention programs, drafting and enforcement of confidentiality, noncompetition and other restrictive covenant agreements, drug and alcohol testing policy and practice issues, grievance handling and grievance and interest arbitrations, and compliance obligations under the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Workers' Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act and all other state, federal and local employment and labor laws. Ms. O'Brien has served on the Adjunct Faculty of the Loyola School of Law.

Victor E. Puscas, Jr. represents clients in civil and criminal litigation, including family law, in both Illinois State and U.S. Federal Courts. He is the author of a text entitled, "Breaking Routine: Rightful Termination of Probationary Personnel," which deals with employment law issues among probationary police officers. Mr. Puscas is admitted to practice law in Illinois State Court, U.S. Federal Court for the Northern District of Illinois, including Trial Bar, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, and the Supreme Court of the United States of America. He is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association and the Kane County Bar Association.

Aaron D. Rasty is the Co-Founder & President of Energy Solutions. Aaron is a veteran of the deregulated energy industry. His experience in the competitive electricity markets spans 17 years, including co-founder and Chief Operating Officer of UtiliQuote. Through Aaron's leadership, BlueStar has become one of the fastest-growing retail energy suppliers in the United States as ranked by Inc. Magazine on its annual list of fastest-growing companies in the U.S. in 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011. Aaron was also featured in Crain's Chicago Business 40 Under 40 in 2008.

Gregory T. Smith is an associate with the law firm of Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins, Ltd in Chicago, Illinois. He received his Juris Doctorate degree from Chicago-Kent College of Law. While at Chicago-Kent, he was an associate editor of the Chicago-Kent Journal of Intellectual Property. He is admitted to practice before the Illinois bar, the Northern District of Illinois general bar, and the Seventh Circuit bar. Mr. Smith counsels Illinois municipalities, school districts, special districts and corporate clients.

James G. Sotos heads the law firm of James G. Sotos & Associates, which concentrates in the representation of governmental entities and officials in federal and state court litigation at the trial and appellate levels, and in conducting independent investigations into allegations of misconduct involving governmental officials. Jim is one of a small handful of attorneys who has argued two cases to the United States Supreme Court in Washington D.C., and he has been recognized by *Law & Politics* and *Chicago Magazine* as an Illinois Super Lawyer and *Leading Lawyer*.

James G. Wargo graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics. He then graduated from the DePaul College of Law. He is a member of the Illinois Bar Association. At KTJ, Mr. Wargo concentrates in the areas of school law, municipal law, construction law and litigation.