

# ILLINOIS LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAWYERS ASSOCIATION



## *Spring Seminar Speaker Bios 2025*

### ***Lisa Lee***

Lisa Lee is the Chief Attorney for the Forest Preserves of Cook County. She has worked for the agency since 2010. In her current role, she oversees a 12-person department that is responsible for litigation, procurement contracts, intergovernmental agreements, contract administration, collective bargaining, labor and employment matters, workplace investigations, land use matters, FOIA responses, and constitutional law issues. The department also handles workers compensation administration and real estate acquisitions. Ms. Lee is responsible for providing advice on board rules and parliamentary procedure. Recently, Ms. Lee worked on providing legal support in connection with the tax related referendum on General Election Ballot (2022) for the Forest Preserves of Cook County. Ms. Lee received her law degree from the University of Chicago.

### ***Marron Mahoney***

Marron Mahoney is a partner at Laner Muchin. She concentrates her practice on representing public and private sector employers in numerous areas of labor and employment law, including collective bargaining negotiations, grievances, investigations and employment counseling. Prior to joining Laner Muchin, Marron was the Chief Legal Counsel for the Will County Executive's Office and the General Counsel and Chief of Staff for the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice. She has also practiced at Am Law 50 law firms and has argued in the Illinois Appellate Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

Additionally, Marron served as a judicial law clerk for Judge Sharon Prost of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, Judge James Holderman of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and Justice Laura Liu of the Illinois Appellate Court, First District. Marron also is a moot court coach at Loyola Law School, where she teaches legal writing as an adjunct professor.

### ***Renato Mariotti***

Renato Mariotti is a partner at Paul Hastings who helps clients across a wide range of industries capitalize on opportunities created by regulatory change and steers them through potential litigation, government investigations, and enforcement challenges.

Renato has tried and won more than 20 criminal and civil cases, including *United States v. Jitesh Thakkar*, the first-ever criminal case charging a non-trader with a form of market manipulation. After Renato's cross-examination of the government's star witness caused the witness to admit there was no conspiracy, the judge acquitted Mr. Thakkar of conspiracy. When 10 out of 12 jurors voted for acquittal on the remaining counts, the Justice Department dismissed them shortly thereafter, resulting in complete acquittal for Mr. Thakkar. Renato is a former federal prosecutor in the Securities and Commodities Fraud Section of the United States Attorney's Office. As a federal prosecutor, Renato gained a wealth of knowledge of the financial services

industry, which he has deepened in private practice. Renato's work includes defending companies and individuals in enforcement actions by the Department of Justice, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Securities and Exchange Commission, exchanges, and other federal and state regulators, conducting internal investigations, advising and advocating for clients in the digital asset and crypto space, and helping clients navigate issues at the convergence of challenging government investigations, civil litigation and public relations.



### ***Fatoumata Saidou Hangadoumbo, PhD, CHES***

Fatoumata Saidou Hangadoumbo, PhD, CHES, is a Public Health Practitioner with over 10 years of experience in the field. Dr. Saidou Hangadoumbo is the Community Health Coordinator at Southern Illinois Healthcare (SIH). She holds a Doctorate in Health Education (PhD), a Master's in Public Health (MPH), and is a Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES). Her passion for community, sustainable & wholistic wellness and well-being, are key drivers behind her work.

Dr. Saidou Hangadoumbo's work embraces addressing the top three priority health issues identified in the rigorous data-driven SIH 2024 Community Health Needs Assessment. These include addressing access to care barriers, behavioral health (mental and substance misuse) challenges, and chronic diseases (prevention, management, and treatment).

In all that she does, Dr. Saidou Hangadoumbo is dedicated to the health and well-being of all she serves by fostering healthier communities where people live, work and play.

### ***Patrick White***

J. Patrick White is Of Counsel in Hahn Loeser's Chicago office. Patrick handles a wide variety of commercial litigation, construction, real estate and related transactional matters. He has acted as outside general counsel for real estate services firms, as well as a global building automation and control systems company. His experience includes negotiating customer and vendor contracts supporting various lines of business, performing risk management assessments, dispute resolution and litigation management.

Patrick has extensive litigation experience in state and federal court, having first-chaired or co-chaired multiple jury trials to verdict. He has also represented clients in arbitration, mediation and before administrative tribunals.

Prior to joining Hahn Loeser, Patrick was an Assistant General Counsel for the District of Columbia Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs where he regularly represented the District before the D.C. Board of Zoning Appeals, Real Property Tax Appeals Commission, and the Office of Administrative Hearings. During his tenure, he successfully defended the District in an appeal before the D.C. Board of Zoning Appeals challenging the approval of the subdivision of the lot occupied by the historic landmark Scottish Rite Masonic Temple and the building permit issued for the development of a 140-unit residential community on the site.