# CLE OPPORTUNITY MUNICIPAL LAW SEMINAR

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## Friday May 10, 2024

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## Elizabethtown Tourism and Convention Bureau

## 1030 North Mulberry Street

## Directions to Elizabethtown Tourism & Convention Bureau

From I-65 S: Take exit 94 for US-62/KY-61. Turn right onto KY-61 S/US-62 W/N Mulberry St.

From I-65 N: Take exit 94 for US-62/KY-61. Turn left onto KY-61 S/US-62 W/N Mulberry St.

From I-75 in Lexington: Take the Bluegrass Parkway off Versailles Road and follow directions for I65 N.

VIA Western KY Parkway: Take Exit 137B for I-65 N and follow directions for I-65 N.

VIA Bluegrass Parkway: Take exit 1A to merge onto I-65 N toward Elizabethtown/ Louisville and

follow directions for I-65 N.

***Program***

## 8:30 am – 9:00 am: Registration and Refreshments

## 9:00 am – 10:30 am: Judicial Update – 1.5 CLE credits

1. Charley Cole, attorney with Sturgill, Turner, Barker and Moloney, will outline recent federal and state case law impacting municipalities.

**10:45 am – 11:45 am: Recovery Residence: Lessons Learned From Going First – 1.0 CLE credits**

The City of Elizabethtown is the first city or county in Kentucky to enact a local Recovery Residence Certification Ordinance based on KRS 222.510. Elizabethtown’s Ordinance has a certification compliance date of March 15, 2024 (extended to June 30, 2024 for “in process” applications). This topic, presented by Ken Howard and Morgain Patterson, will include local ordinance drafting considerations, enforcement options, community information sessions, Recovery Residence Operators/Owners information sessions, and the initial reaction/legal maneuvering of the recovery residence community.

**12:00 pm – 1:00 pm: Catered Lunch and Networking**

**1:15 – 2:15 Kentucky Supreme Court Case Review: The Rules of Professional Responsibility - – 1.0 CLE credits (Ethics)** The Kentucky Supreme Court has exclusive jurisdiction over attorney discipline in accordance with the Rules of Professional Responsibility.  Ashleigh Bailey will review some of the more recent and notable renditions issued by the Court with a focus on the ethical rules violated, as well as mitigating factors that are often considered by the Court.

**1:15 pm – 2:45 pm: Legislative Update – 1.5 CLE credits**

Morgain Patterson Director of Law for the Kentucky League of Cities, will discuss legislation from the 2024 session of the Kentucky General Assembly. Learn about bills that impact the operation, funding, and powers of cities and the health, safety, and welfare of citizens residing in Kentucky’s municipalities. Discussion will include legislation from this session that changes the requirements for annexation and changes to the timing of medical cannabis.

**2:45 pm – 3:45 pm: Advice from the Seasoned City Attorney – 1.0 CLE credits**

Seasoned City Attorneys Scott Crabtree, Ken Howard, and John Adams will answer questions from the audience and discuss common issues among City Attorneys.

This seminar is **FREE** for members of the Municipal Attorneys Association of Kentucky. Cost is $100 for non-members – Includes a 2024 MAAK membership (complete the enclosed form and remit payment).

**\* Please note all times are Eastern Daylight Time\***

**\*\*Please RSVP to Mary Myers (**[**mmyers@sturgillturner.com**](mailto:mmyers@sturgillturner.com)**) by Friday, May 3, 2024 at**

**4:00 PM \*\***

**Presenter/Speaker Biographies**

**JOHN ADAMS** has practiced law in Somerset, Kentucky for 25 years. In addition to his role as City Attorney, he practices general

civil law, with a focus on Insurance Defense, Real Estate and Title Law, Business Law, and Community/Commercial Development. In

private practice, he both litigates cases and performs transactional legal work. Prior to attending law school, John worked in real

estate sales, commercial leasing, and real estate appraising. John Adams is a “legacy” to the office of Somerset City Attorney, as his

mother, Norma Adams, served as Somerset’s City attorney in the early 1970s.

**ASHLEIGH BAILEY** received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from the University of Kentucky in 2004. She then went on to earn her J.D. from the University of Kentucky College of Law in 2007. Upon graduation, she was the Staff Attorney for the Honorable Doughlas George, Chief Circuit Judge for the 11th Judicial Circuit. Ms. Bailey also served as a Staff Attorney for four years with the Lagrange Trial Office of the Department of Public Advocacy. From 2014-2022, Ashleigh served as Deputy Bar Counsel with the Office of Bar Counsel with the Kentucky Bar Association. During her time at the KBA she investigated and prosecuted bar complaints and served as the Intake Manager. Ashleigh also helped manage the Client Security Fund and served as the Southeast Regional Vice President of the National Client Protection Organization. She currently serves as an Attorney Senior with the Law Department of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government.

**CHARLEY COLE** is a member of Sturgill, Turner, Barker and Moloney in Lexington, Kentucky. Charley is an indispensable member of Sturgill Turner’s government services and public entity law practice. He chairs the firm’s Governmental Law Practice Group, provides legal counsel to several Kentucky cities, and represents a variety of governmental and quasi-governmental entities. Charley is knowledgeable in the numerous areas of law that affect public entities on a daily basis, including personnel and employment issues, statutory civil rights, planning and zoning, risk management, administrative law, and open records and open meetings laws. He is a regular presenter on topics concerning governmental and quasi-governmental entities and their officials, such as disciplining of public employees, qualified official immunity and sovereign immunity. Charley obtained his B.A. and J.D. degrees from the University of Kentucky and his M.B.A. from the University of Louisville.

**W. SCOTT CRABTREE** is a solo practitioner in his law office located in Franklin, Kentucky, where he focuses his practice in the

areas of municipal, corporate, tax and commercial law, as well as civil litigation. He has served as the City Attorney for the City of

Franklin, Kentucky for more than 25 years and has assisted in growing the city with over 50 annexations, which has doubled the land

size of the city. He also assists the city with industrial recruitment, whereby he has received two meritorious awards for

industrial/economic recruitment. Mr. Crabtree previously served as the Assistant Commonwealth Attorney in the 49th Judicial Circuit

and President of the Simpson County Bar Association. He received a B.S. degree in Accounting at Western Kentucky University and

a J.D. degree at the University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law. He currently serves on both the Executive and

Legislative Boards for the Kentucky League of Cities, and he is a board member for the Municipal Attorneys Association of

Kentucky.

**KEN HOWARD** is a lifelong resident of Elizabethtown, is married to Lisa and they have 3 children and 8 grandchildren.

Ken graduated with an undergraduate degree in business from the University of Kentucky and Juris Doctorate from the University of Louisville School of Law. Ken has practiced law in Elizabethtown since 1980, serving 17 years as the Hardin County Attorney, 13 years as a Hardin Circuit Judge and as Elizabethtown City Attorney since 2021. Ken is currently serving as a director emeritus on the Elizabethtown-Hardin County Industrial Foundation with 20+ years of service. Ken is an active member of Memorial United Methodist Church in Elizabethtown and currently serves as Lay Leader.

**MORGAIN PATTERSON** is the Director of Municipal Law at the Kentucky League of Cities. Her practice at KLC focuses on all aspects of municipal law with an emphasis on assisting cities realize their goals. An active member of the International Municipal Lawyers Association, in 2020 she accepted the position as recorder for the State League Committee. She has 21 years of experience in government law, police law, administrative law, employment law, contracts, and litigation. Before coming to work at KLC, she served as the General Counsel for the Legislative Research Commission where she managed the legal office, open records and all claims against the Kentucky General Assembly. Other notable employment includes leading the Kentucky State Police legal office for over eight years providing legal training to KSP cadets and troopers of all ranks, representing troopers sued for acts in the course of their official duties, advising on all aspects of civilian and sworn personnel law, overseeing all legislative plans, and numerous other roles. In her free time, she reads a lot of books (a ridiculous amount according to her husband) and enjoys the outdoors with her husband and spectacular dogs as often as she can.