

# CLE OPPORTUNITY (CLE pending approval with the KBA) MUNICIPAL LAW SEMINAR

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## Municipal Attorneys Association of Kentucky

**Friday May 16, 2025**

**Elizabethtown Police Department Community Room  
300 South Mulberry Street**



### **Program**

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

**9:00 am – 10:00 am Unclaimed Property** – 1.0 CLE credit Treasury Deputy General Counsel Robert Gullette III and Kentucky State Treasurer Mark Metcalf will present information regarding the legal responsibilities established by KRS 393A in an effort to improve municipal attorneys' abilities to advise their clients regarding unclaimed property.

**10:15 – 11:45 Judicial Update** – 1.5 CLE credits Charley Cole, attorney with Sturgill, Turner, Barker and Moloney, will outline recent federal and state case law impacting municipalities.

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

**1:15 pm – 2:45 pm Legislative Update** – 1.5 CLE credits Gracie Kelly, Director of Government Affairs for the Kentucky League of Cities, will discuss legislation from the 2025 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.

**3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Legal Ethics Issues for Land Use Attorneys** 1.0 CLE Ethics Henry Watson III will discuss ethics as it relates to land use issues and, particularly, ex parte contacts regarding planning and zoning matters. If time allows, Watson will also take questions and facilitate discussion related to general ethics questions of municipal lawyers.

This seminar is **FREE** for members of the Municipal Attorneys Association of Kentucky. Cost is \$100 for non-members – Includes a 2025 MAAK membership (complete the enclosed form and remit payment).

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

**\*\*Please RSVP to Mary Myers ([mmyers@sturgillturner.com](mailto:mmyers@sturgillturner.com)) by Friday, May 9, 2025 at  
4:00 PM \*\***

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## Presenter/Speaker Biographies

**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.

**TREASURY DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL, Robert Gullette III**, a native of Jessamine County, has practiced law in Kentucky since 2008. Immediately following his admission to the bar, Rob opened his office in Nicholasville. Rob's private practice focused primarily on civil litigation, family law and probate matters. In addition to his private practice, Rob served as the City Attorney for Wilmore, Kentucky for more than a decade. In 2024, Rob was hired by Treasurer Metcalf to serve as a Division Director in the State Treasury and as Deputy General Counsel under Sam Burchett. Rob shares three daughters with his wife, Erin.

**GRACIE KELLY** is the Director of Government Affairs for the Kentucky League of Cities (KLC), where she leads the organization's legislative strategy and advocacy efforts before the Kentucky General Assembly and executive branch. Prior to joining KLC, Gracie served as Associate Director of Government Affairs for the Kentucky Association of Counties (KACo). A native of Breckinridge County, Gracie holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Louisville and earned her Juris Doctor from Northern Kentucky University's Salmon P. Chase College of Law. Gracie lives on a farm in New Liberty with her husband, who also works in government affairs.

**KENTUCKY STATE TREASURER, MARK H. METCALF** was elected Kentucky's 42nd State Treasurer on November 8, 2023. He has practiced law for 39 years as a private practitioner, state and federal prosecutor, and as a US immigration judge in Miami, Florida prior to his election. He was previously elected to six terms as Garrard County Attorney and selected Kentucky's Outstanding County Attorney in 2013 for his work as a special prosecutor. He has twice represented Kentucky before the US Supreme Court as Special Assistant Attorney General. Additionally, Treasurer Metcalf served 29 years in the Kentucky Army National Guard and is a combat veteran of Iraq. He is married to Julie Metcalf.

**HENRY WATSON III** practices in Paris Kentucky with his son Patrick, at Watson Law Firm, PLLC. Their practice includes local government, land use and development, general litigation, real estate, and banking. Henry has served as an adjunct professor at Eastern Kentucky University and earned B.A. and J.D degrees from the University of Kentucky. He is admitted to all Kentucky and federal courts pertaining to the Commonwealth, as well as the U.S. Supreme Court. His other career was as a US Army Reserve officer, serving in Airborne Infantry, Light Infantry, Military Intelligence, Special Forces, Special Operations, and the DOD, and was a US Army War College Fellow at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, retiring as a Colonel in 1999.