

MUNICIPAL LAW SEMINAR

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Municipal Attorneys Association of Kentucky (MAAK)

Friday May 15, 2026

Occupational Technical Building (OTB)
Building 300, Room 303
Kentucky Community & Technical College
600 College Street
Elizabethtown, KY 42701

*See attached map for location and parking information



Program

8:30 – 9:00 am Registration and Refreshments

9:00 – 10:30 am Legislative Update – 1.5 CLE credit. Gracie Kelly, Director of Government Affairs for the Kentucky League of Cities, will discuss legislation from the 2026 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.

10:45 – 11:15 am Judicial Update – .5 CLE credit. Charley Cole, attorney with Sturgill, Turner, Barker and Moloney, will outline recent federal and state case law impacting municipalities.

11:15 -12:15 pm Occupational License Tax – OLT – How Legal Services Plays A Mission Critical Role in Narrowing The Local Tax Gap 1.0 CLE credit. Scott Hall, Executive Director of the Georgetown-Scott County Revenue Commission, John Higgins, Assistant Director & IT Coordinator for the Georgetown-Scott County Revenue Commission and Phil Ratliff, General Counsel of the Georgetown-Scott County Revenue Commission, will discuss lawyers’ roles in narrowing the local tax gap.

12:15 – 1:00 pm Catered Lunch and Networking

1:00 – 2:00 pm Police Officer Bill of Rights, KRS 15.520 – 1.0 CLE credit. Charley Cole, attorney with Sturgill, Turner, Barker and Moloney, will present an overview of KRS 15.520, the Police Officer Bill of Rights.

2:15 – 3:15 pm Handling Discrimination Complaints – 1.0 CLE credit. Morgain Patterson, Director of Law for the Kentucky League of Cities, will discuss the ins and outs of handling discrimination complaints.

3:15 – 4:15 pm Panel Discussion - Ethics for Cities 1.0 CLE ethics credit. A panel discussion with Charley Cole, Kandice Engle-Gray, Ken Howard, and Morgain Patterson concerning applicable ethics statutes, ethics ordinances, ethics boards and ethics complaints.

This seminar is **FREE** for members of the Municipal Attorneys Association of Kentucky. Cost is \$100 for non-members – Includes a 2026 MAAK membership.

*** Please note the following:**

All times are Eastern Standard Time

Suggested parking Lot H, Entrance 2

RSVP to Hillary Hightower Hillary.hightower@bgky.org by Friday, May 8, 2026, 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 meetings laws. He is a regular presenter on topics concerning governmental and quasi-governmental entities and their officials, such as discipline 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.

KANDICE ENGLE-GRAY is the principle attorney in her firm and has been in private practice since 1996 in Lebanon, Kentucky. She has served as City Attorney for the City of Lebanon since 2004 and as Trial Commissioner for Marion County since 2007. She currently serves as Planning Counsel for the Washington County Planning Commission and as Planning and Zoning Counsel for the cities of Greensburg and Springfield in Kentucky. She also serves as counsel for the Marion County Economic Development/Industrial Foundation. Kandice graduated from Mary Baldwin College and received her JD from Brandeis School of Law, University of Louisville. Originally a native of Boyle County, Kandice now lives in Lebanon with her husband Michael.

SCOTT T. HALL is the Executive Director of the Georgetown-Scott County Revenue Commission. Scott has 16 years of experience in local government tax administration. He is currently serving as Past President of KOLA, is a 2022 graduate of the KLC Local Leader Academy, and an alumnus of Harvard Kennedy School's COMTAX program. He previously served as National Vice Chair of the IRS Taxpayer Advocacy Panel, earning the President's Volunteer Service Award for 500+ hours of service.

JON HIGGINS is the Assistant Director & IT Coordinator for the Georgetown-Scott County Revenue Commission, where he has modernized operations, including automating payroll processing and audits as well as the digitization of all Commission files. Jon has a BBA in Accounting from Midway University and has twenty years of management experience. He. Having previously served as a full-time contract consultant for Robert Half Inc., Jon has a diverse background across multiple industries, with a focus on improving organizational efficiency.

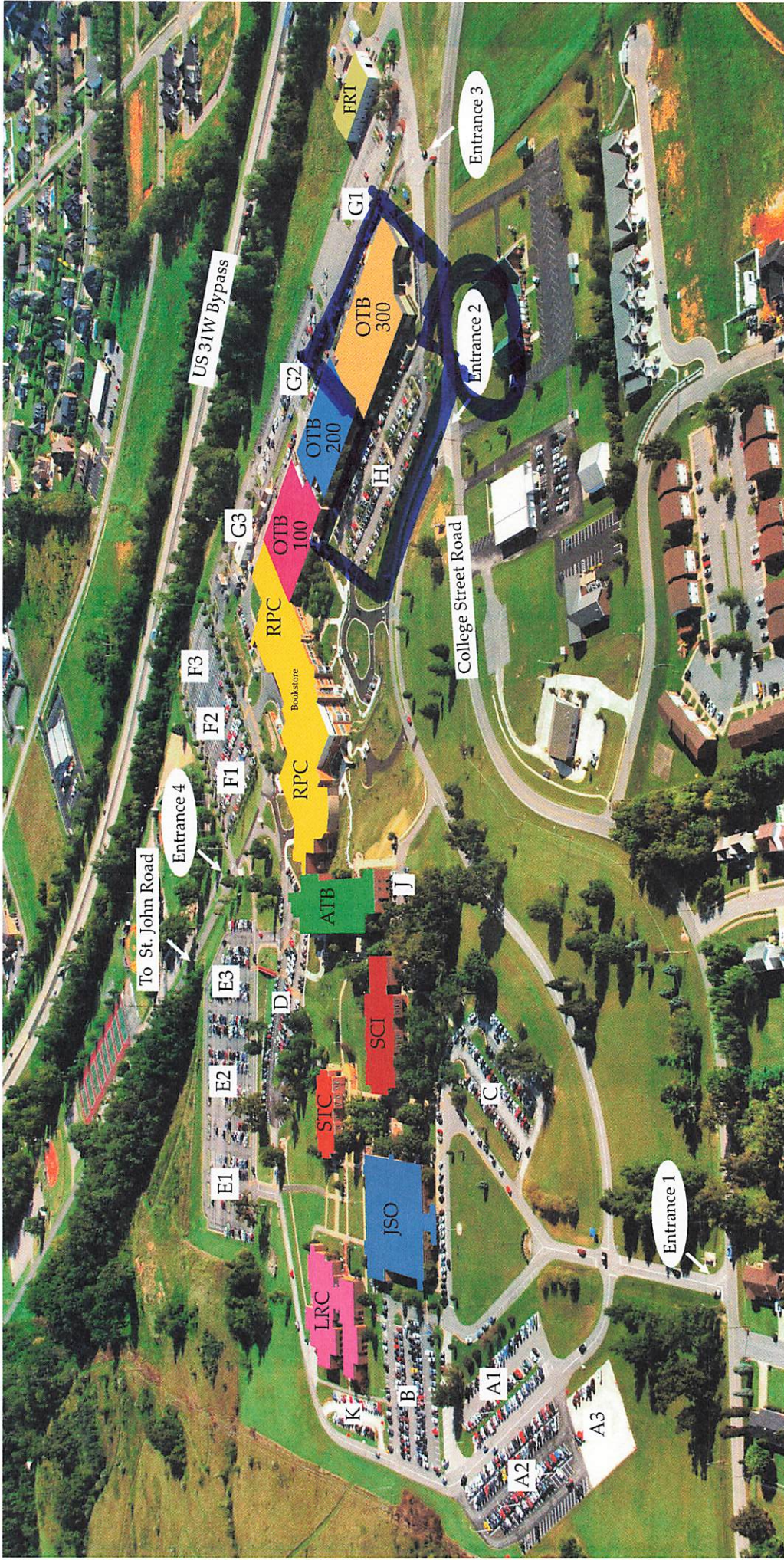
KEN HOWARD is a lifelong resident of Elizabethtown, is married to Lisa and they have 3 children and 8 grandchildren. Ken graduated with an undergraduate degree in business from the University of Kentucky and Juris Doctorate from the University of Louisville School of Law. Ken has practiced law in Elizabethtown 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.

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.

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.

PHIL RATLIFF is the General Counsel of the Georgetown-Scott County Revenue Commission. Phil has a BBA from Eastern Kentucky University and an MBA from Morehead State University. He has been practicing law in Kentucky for over 30 years, including representation of financial institutions, creditors, and governmental entities.



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 FRT - Fire Rescue Training Center
 LRC - Learning Resource Center
 Library
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 Occupational Technical Building

RPC - Regional Postsecondary Center
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 Bookstore
 Success Center
 Financial Aid
 Learning Lab
 Veterans Affairs
 Western Kentucky University

SCI - Science Building
 STC - Student Center