

# 2026 PUBLIC PRACTICE LEGAL SEMINAR

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

Hosted by:



Arizona State Civil Deputies Association

Registration / Check-In 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Opening Session & Welcome 12:30 - 12:45 p.m.



Ethics for the Government Attorney 12:45 - 2:15 p.m. Scott Rhodes and Jessica Gale - Spencer Fane



Ethics for the Government Attorney cont. 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. Scott Rhodes and Jessica Gale - Spencer Fane

Thursday, April 23, 2026

Breakfast 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.



You're Not Drowning: Practice Tips for New Public Lawyers 8:30 - 10 a.m. Ben Kreutzberg - Yavapai County Attorney's Office and Rodney States - Pierce Coleman



San Tan Valley Case Study 8:30 - 10 a.m. Allan Quist - Pierce Coleman, Rene Guillen - League of Arizona Cities and Towns, Bruce Gardner - Town of Queen Creek, and Chris Keller - Pinal County



HR Law Update 8:30 - 10 a.m. Alexandra ("Alex") Cayton-Koleber - Pierce Coleman



Issues and Trends in Planning and Zoning 10:15 - 11:45 a.m. Kristin Mackin - Sims Mackin and Wayne Peck - Maricopa County Attorney's Office



Election Law Update 10:15 - 11:45 a.m. Joe Kanefield - Snell & Wilmer and Amy Chan - Pierce Coleman



HR Roundtable 10:15 - 11:45 a.m. Steve Coleman - Pierce Coleman, Eric Scott - Navajo County, Krista Sedillo - Coconino County and Brittney Bayliss - Lake Havasu City



Lunch & Legislative Update 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Craig Sullivan - County Supervisors Association



Law Enforcement Legal Issues 1:15 - 2:45 p.m. Jim Jellison - Jellison Law and Rodney States - Pierce Coleman



Employee Due Process 1:15 - 2:45 p.m. Michele Molinario and Derek Graffious - Jones, Skelton & Hochuli



IGAs, MOUs, and other Contracts 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Bill Sims - Sims Mackin



Workers' Compensation: Compensability Issues & New ICA Reporting Rules 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Anthony Acosta - AMRRP and Susan Strickler - ACIP

Friday, April 24, 2026

Breakfast 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.



Erroneous Conviction Statute 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Nick Acedo - Struck Love Acedo



Living with AI - Ethics and Use 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Nathan McDaniel - Mohave County, Hollie Mercurio - AMRRP, Brian Hunt - ACIP, and Kathy Wieneke - Wieneke Law Group



The Craig Tiger Act and the Web of Leave Protections 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Jon Paladini - Pierce Coleman



Special Taxing Districts & Civil Exposure: Cities vs. Boards 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. Kevin Costello - Maricopa County Attorney's Office and Tina Vannucci - Fitzgibbons Law



NDA's - When to Sign, and Implications for Public Records Requests 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. Joe Estes - Pierce Coleman and Bobby Yu - Pima County Attorney's Office



ADA Accommodations for Public and Private; including Website ADA Compliance 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Joe Estes - Pierce Coleman



Abatements and Code Enforcement 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Will Davis and Jason Mitchell - Mohave County Attorney's Office