



# PROSECUTOR WORKSHOP

## 2023 CML Prosecutor Workshop

*December 7, 2023*

- 8:30 a.m.                    **Registration and continental breakfast**
- 9:00 a.m.                    **Key Procedural Rules & Updates on the Colorado Municipal Court Rules of Procedure (CMCR)**  
A discussion of the more referenced municipal court rules. The presentation will include a discussion of the proposed updates by the Municipal Court Rules of Procedure Committee to the Colorado Supreme Court.  
*Presenters:*  
*Shantel Withrow, Division Chief of Prosecution, City of Colorado Springs*  
*Billy Stiggers Jr., Associate Judge, City of Aurora*  
*Robert Frick, Presiding Judge & Department Director, City of Longmont*
- 10:15 a.m.                    **Break**
- 10:30 a.m.                    **Skills Session: prosecution Anatomy 101- Presentation of a Code Enforcement Case**  
This introductory level skills session will walk through presentation of a code enforcement case from intake review through clarification of goals to be achieved, considerations surrounding plea deals, marshaling of evidence and presentation of the issues to achieve those goals, and consideration of alternate methods to reach the same goals.  
*Presenter:*  
*Erich Schwiesow, City Attorney, City of Alamosa*
- 12:00 p.m.                    **Lunch Session: Obstructing an Officer or Contempt of Cop? First Amendment, Internal Affairs, and Civil Liability Considerations in Municipal Prosecutions**  
This session will cover “first amendment auditors” and how cities should respond - both from city employee and law enforcement perspectives, and will include a First Amendment overview, common pitfalls, and good

practice tips. It will also cover how “obstruction” has changed in Colorado, including an overview of recent Colorado and 10th circuit caselaw, and how we can better train and equip law enforcement’s response during police encounters to avoid civil liability consequences.

*Presenters:*

*Liz Barajas, Assistant City Attorney, City of Thornton*

*Adam Stephens, Deputy City Attorney, City of Thornton*

1:30 p.m.

### **Colorado Rules of Professional Conduct 3.8**

The presentation will focus on the recent changes to Colo. RPC 3.8(d) and address “frequently asked questions” about the new rule and comment to the rule.

*Presenter:*

*Jessica Yates, Attorney Regulation Counsel, Colorado Supreme Court*

2:45 p.m.

### **Break**

3:00 p.m.

### **Sentencing Alternatives/Diversion**

In this session you will hear about sentencing alternatives and diversion programs often facilitated through specialty municipal courts in Aurora, Fort Collins and Lakewood. The presentation will cover alternative sentencing ideas that relate to specific groups or issues including homelessness, mental health, veterans, and juveniles. Come away with some ideas for alternatives you may be able to implement in your municipal court.

*Presenters:*

*Nicole Bozarth, Presiding Judge, City of Lakewood*

*Holly Coulehan, Assistant City Attorney, City of Fort Collins*

*Christie Hoff, Assistant City Attorney, City of Aurora*

4:15 p.m.

### **Adjourn & Off-site Reception - Stoney’s Bar & Grill, 1111 Lincoln Street.**

Following the workshop, there will be an off-site reception to network with other municipal prosecutors. CML will not be providing food or drink for this reception. Please make sure to move your car off-site (or plan to pick up your car on Friday morning) as CML’s parking lot gate closes at 5pm and you will not be able to get into the parking area after hours.