WORKING WITH AND UTILIZING YOUR MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY

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OVERVIEW

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CONTRACTS

- “Standard Contract”
- Municipality Can be Held Accountable
- Indemnification
- Immunities & Financial Caps
- Ethical Obligations & Limitations
Zoning & Land Use

- Law Driven
- Education and Advice
- Legislative Activities
- *Knick v. Town of Scott*
- Reasonable, Objective & Impartial Decisions

REGULATING LOCAL CONCERNS

- Emerging areas of concerns
- Local regulation curtailed or preempted
- Inconsistent ordinance inapplicable & unenforceable
- Educate staff and officials
- Create checklists, memos and decision charts
**EMPLOYMENT**
- Federal & State Employment Laws
- Retaliation
- Escalation of Claims
- Act, Do Not Ignore
- Seek counsel
- Document
- Reasonable actions & decisions
- Policies

**INVESTIGATIONS**
- IMMEDIATE & APPROPRIATE CORRECTIVE ACTION
- AVOID FURTHER LIABILITY
- STOP THE SITUATION
- SCOPE & OTHER ISSUES
- “GARRITY” WARNINGS
- BALANCING OPEN GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITIES
POLICIES AND TRAINING

- Increasing claims
- Failure to adopt policies
- Regular Training of Staff