

2026 Annual Educational Seminar

NEW THIS YEAR:
*Distinct Breakout Tracks for
Attorneys & Township Officials*

Presented at
Hanover Township Senior Center
240 S IL Route 59
Bartlett, Illinois 60103



REGISTRATION FORM



MAY 15, 2026

REGISTER NOW!

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

8:00am SIGN-IN & BREAKFAST

8:30am OPENING REMARKS

Ross D. Secler, President
Illinois Township Attorneys Association

Brian P. McGuire, Supervisor
Hanover Township

Jerry Crabtree, Executive Director
Township Officials of Illinois

8:45am LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Invited State Official
To Be Announced Soon!

MORNING GENERAL SESSIONS

**9:00am CONSOLIDATION, COLLABORATION,
& COOPERATION: CHARTING THE
FUTURE OF TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT**

1.0 CLE Credit (Pending Approval)

Ross D. Secler
Odelson, Murphey, Frazier & McGrath

10:00am FOIA & OMA UPDATE

.75 CLE Credit (Pending Approval)

Leah Bartelt
Public Access Counselor
Illinois Attorney General's Office

10:45am BREAK

**11:00am OH, SNAP! CHANGES IN FEDERAL
AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND
THE ROLE OF TOWNSHIPS**

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Mark J. Kimzey
Airdo Werwas, LLC

12:00pm LUNCH

AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS

**1:00pm HIRING & FIRING: EMPLOYMENT
LAW ISSUES EVERY TOWNSHIP
ATTORNEY & OFFICIAL MUST
KNOW**

.75 D&I Credit (Pending Approval)

Kevin L. Sterk
Ancel Glink, P.C.

**1:45pm KING OF THE ROADS: LEGAL AND
PRACTICAL ISSUES AFFECTING
TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICTS**

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James P. Kelly
Franks & Kelly, P.C.

2:30pm BREAK

**2:45pm BOARD PROCEDURES:
GOVERNANCE & BEST PRACTICES
FOR TOWNSHIP COUNSEL**

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Keri-Lyn J. Krafthefer
Ancel Glink, P.C.

CLOSING Q & A FORUM

**3:30pm ASK THE TOWNSHIP ATTORNEYS:
A LIVE Q&A ON TOWNSHIP
GOVERNANCE & LEGAL ISSUES**

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Moderator:
The Honorable Michael J. Chmiel
Circuit Judge, 22nd Judicial Circuit.

Panelists:
Ross Secler, Mark Kimzey, Keri-Lyn
Krafthefer, James P. Kelly

4:30pm ADJOURNMENT

**1:00pm PANEL DISCUSSION:
AI CHALLENGES &
OPPORTUNITIES FOR LAWYERS &
GOVERNMENT**

1.5 PR-CLE Credit (Pending Approval)

Moderator:
James Campbell, Chair
Chicago Bar Association Trial Practice
Committee

Panelists:
The Honorable Michael J. Chmiel
Circuit Judge, 22nd Judicial Circuit

George S. Bellas
Illinois Judicial Conference Artificial
Intelligence Task Force

2:30pm BREAK

**2:45pm DEMYSTIFYING PROPERTY TAX
OBJECTIONS: WHAT TOWNSHIP
OFFICIALS NEED TO KNOW**

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Jake A. Leahy
Airdo Werwas, LLC

Program Moderator:

Otto Faulbaum
Law Offices of Otto Faulbaum

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