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2017 League Conference
Sept. 16-18
Wichita



Sept. 16
MTIs @ Conference
in Wichita
2-5 p.m.

Three Municipal Training Institute courses will be offered as separate pre-conference workshops on Saturday. Each course is \$100 (\$125 for non-members), refreshments and course materials are included. A more detailed description of each of the courses is [posted online](#) with the conference information.

Municipal Finance (Core)

Ethics & Civility (Core)

Nuisance Abatement (Elective)

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CONFERENCE SESSION PREVIEW: THE OPIOID CRISIS AND PUBLIC POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Abuse and misuse of prescription pain relievers, heroin and synthetic opioids is reaching epidemic levels in some states. The costs of opioid addiction are burdensome to local governments and affect the overall community in many ways including expanding costs for healthcare, increases in lost productivity for workers, increased demand for addiction treatment, and additional involvement in the criminal justice system. Andy Marso, Health Reporter for the Kansas City Star, will discuss his research and reporting on opioid addiction trends in Kansas and provide information on policy considerations for local governments. [Register today for the conference!](#)



EARLY BIRD RATE FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE ENDS SEPT. 1

Make sure to book your reservation for the League's Annual Conference, Sept. 16-18 in Wichita. View our [online conference registration](#). **REMINDER!!** The deadline to register for the annual conference, without a late fee, is **September 1**.

Who should attend the annual conference? The League's Annual Conference offers something for everyone. We recommend councilmembers/commissioners, mayors, managers and administrators, clerks, and department heads attend our conference. This is our largest event; hundreds of local government officials from across Kansas will converge to network, learn, collaborate and share their ideas to improve Kansas cities. The ability to network with peers and colleagues is often cited as the #1 benefit of attending the Annual Conference.

Dozens of valuable workshops, discussions, and networking opportunities await you! [Download the conference brochure](#) for a sampling of sessions and events. Cities face unprecedented challenges on many levels – financial challenges, aging infrastructure, citizen engagement, maintaining quality personnel, and the general feeling of doing more with less. That's why this year's annual conference theme of resilience is an exceedingly important skill for leaders of our organizations. This year, we've created a fantastic line-up of sessions focused on:

- Blight/abandoned housing/nuisance issues in cities;
- Alcoholic beverage licensing and regulations;
- Resources for infrastructure funding for local governments;
- Cultivating entrepreneurship in communities;
- Creating health and wellness policies and programs;
- Succession planning for elected officials and appointed officials/administration;
- How to find and use data to maximize resident satisfaction; and
- Creating policies to combat opioid and addiction issues in Kansas cities.

Additionally, the **CEO of the National League of Cities, Clarence Anthony**, will be our keynote speaker and he'll share his thoughts and experiences from across the country and his perspectives for tackling important issues cities face – no matter the size or location.

Use our [Facebook event](#) for the conference to keep current with session offerings and great networking opportunities.





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CITY ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION OF KANSAS FALL CLE OPPORTUNITY

Don't miss out on this opportunity to network with other city attorneys, the City Attorneys Association of Kansas (CAAK) early bird registration will be ending Friday, September 1. Some of the topics included will be Social Media & Personnel, Liquor Law Overview/Common Consumption, along with many more including Ethics. This year's fall CLE will be held on Friday, September 15, in conjunction with the League Annual Conference, September 16-18. The meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Wichita. Please register online at www.caak.us. CAAK member - \$110; Non-member - \$145, after the September 1 date there will be a late fee added.



2017 REGIONAL SUPPERS – NOW OPEN FOR REGISTRATION!

Each fall, League staff travels across the state to meet with local government officials and staff to discuss the upcoming legislative session and gather input from across the state about local issues, efforts and challenges. This year's we will visit these cities:

- October 4: Cimarron
- October 4: Hays
- October 5: Colby
- October 5: Derby
- October 11: Lawrence
- October 12: Coffeyville

We invite you to attend one of our Regional Suppers, in a city close to you, to meet League staff and talk with your colleagues and peers about League priorities and advocacy at the state capitol! *Sign up today!*

LEAGUE PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

The League's legal staff recently completed revisions to two popular municipal manuals. Order your copies online today to help your city navigate the complex issues of municipal governance:

- **Kansas Open Meetings Manual:** Since its enactment in 1972, the Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA) has contained a body of standards for conducting open government meetings. The 2017 session resulted in substantive changes to the procedure for recessing into executive session. The League is pleased to offer this updated informative manual on the subject for policymakers, attorneys and administrators alike. It represents our most complete and considered advice on KOMA to date. *Order Online.*
- **Personnel Policies & Guidelines:** Good personnel management is essential for the efficient and effective functioning of city government. It is difficult to overestimate the importance of productive, competent employees in achieving the city's goals and policies. Personnel administration can also be an effective tool in city management. This manual presents a model set of personnel policies and guidelines for Kansas cities. Order *electronic* or *standard* version.

