

Municipal Courts

(NOTE: The following course outline is based on previous offerings and is only intended to provide a general overview of the topics which are covered. The actual agenda used for the next offering of this course is subject to some variation.)

Course Length

6 hours

Course Description

This course provides an orientation on the basic operation of municipal courts with respect to the adjudication and enforcement of traffic offenses, certain misdemeanors, and municipal ordinance violations.

Objectives

Participants will:

- Learn the origins of the court and jurisdiction and the rights of parties before the court
- Gain insight into the relationships between the judge and city elected officials
- Become informed about state offences and ordinance cases
- Understand the ordinance enforcement methods related to quality of life, demolition liens, and tax foreclosures
- Learn how the court works through a simulation activity

Agenda

8:30-10:15 am

Introduction and Basics of Municipal Courts

- Origins of the court and jurisdiction
- Rights of parties before the court
- Relationship between judge and city elected officials
- State offenses and ordinance cases

-Ted Baggett, Deputy General Counsel, Georgia Municipal Association

10:15- 10:30 am

BREAK

10:30- 12:00

**Basics of Ordinance
Enforcement in Municipal Court**

- Quality of life offenses
- Code enforcement methods
- Demolition liens
- Tax Foreclosures

-Jim Elliott, City Attorney, Warner Robins

12:00- 1:00 pm

LUNCH

1:00- 3:30pm

**Municipal Court Calendar
City of Roolsville**

-The Honorable Charles Barrett, Presiding

2:30-2:45 pm

BREAK