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- Join in a panel discussion with a school resource officer and school administrator on preventing school shootings.
- Hear nationally renowned constitutional scholars discuss recent qualified immunity and SCOTUS cases affecting governmental entities.
- Learn strategies for handling litigation and evidentiary issues in police liability cases.







Join us for the 32nd Annual Civil Rights and Governmental Tort Liability Seminar as we return to the Lone Star State and visit San Antonio. The seminar program is packed full of presentations on timely topics in many different areas affecting government entities, including school shootings, technology in law enforcement departments, discovery, and trial. Professor Karen Blum returns with her always insightful presentation on qualified immunity. Our popular substantive law committee breakout presentations will return this year along with additional breakout sessions on topics that governmental entities commonly face. Finally, look for networking and community service events to attend both during and right after the seminar.



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What You Will Learn



- The latest from SCOTUS as discussed by nationally renowned speakers
- How to handle and advise clients on school shooting matters
- Practical insight on litigation and evidentiary issues in police liability cases
- How to represent governmental clients ethically throughout the litigation process
- How law enforcement departments are effectively utilizing the latest technology

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- Access to LegalPoint ▶[™] at dri.org: Committee newsletters, seminar course materials, and other publications.
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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

4:30 p.m.	Registration
5:00 p.m.	First-Time Attendees Reception and Committee Orientation
6:00 p.m.	Networking Reception

- SPONSORED BY Daniel Coker Horton & Bell PA
- 7:30 p.m. Young Lawyers Dine-Around (see page 6)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

7:00 a.m.	Registration
7:00 a.m.	Government Lawyers Breakfast
7:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast SPONSORED BY Hall Booth Smith PC Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin PC
8:00 a.m.	Welcome and Introduction Ryan M. Kunhart, Dvorak Law Group LLC, Omaha, NE Laurie K. Miller, Jackson Kelly PLLC, Charleston, WV
8:15 a.m.	School Security/Guns in Schools: What's Gone Wrong in the Cases We've Seen and Where Do We Stand Today? Learn how to advise clients and assess liability risks on issues facing educational institutions relating to school shootings. Kevin Quinn will discuss liability risks and alternatives to arming teachers and partnering with local law enforce- ment agencies to provide school resource offi- cers. This presentation will also cover common

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Kevin Quinn, *Arizona School Resource Officers Association*, Phoenix, AZ

9:15 a.m. From Sandy Hook to Santa Fe: A Panel Discussion on Preventing School Shootings

A school resource officer and law enforcement officer, school administrator, and litigator will answer questions about situations confronting them in recent school shooting cases. Our panel

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will have an open discussion about the issues confronting their respective professions, from trying to prevent school shootings to handling litigation after school shootings.

MODERATOR | **Monté L. Williams**, *Steptoe & Johnson PLLC*, Morgantown, WV

Art Acevedo, *Houston Police Department*, Houston, TX

Jon Akers, *Kentucky Center for School Safety*, Richmond, KY

Kevin Quinn, Arizona School Resource Officers Association, Phoenix, AZ

10:15 a.m. Refreshment Break

10:45 a.m. Limits on the Use of Technology in Small and Large Law Enforcement Departments

Police officers are expected to be skilled and proficient when using a wide variety of cuttingedge technology. The capabilities and limitations on the use of certain technology can be dependent on the size of the law enforcement department. This presentation will discuss how departments both large and small are handling the use of technology such as body cameras and fleet cameras, and how departments are training their employees to store the data from such technology properly to avoid chain of custody and spoliation issues.

Art Acevedo, *Houston Police Department*, Houston, TX

Jeffrey W. (Jeff) Halstead, Ret., Chief of Police, Fort Worth, TX

- 11:45 a.m. Lunch (on your own)
- 11:45 a.m. Women in the Law Luncheon (see page 6)

1:15 p.m. Has the Demise of Qualified Immunity Been Greatly Exaggerated?

The doctrine of qualified immunity has been increasingly under attack by scholars and judges. Even Justice Thomas has suggested that the doctrine should be revisited and revised to reflect its application at common law. The CATO Institute is filing amicus curiae briefs on behalf of plaintiffs. Along with providing a survey of recent case law across the circuits, Professor Blum will examine the major criticisms directed at the doctrine and highlight the confusion surrounding its application at each stage of Section 1983 litigation. Will the qualified immunity defense be revamped, or will it remain the "darling" of the Supreme Court?

Karen M. Blum, *Suffolk University Law School,* Boston, MA

2:30 p.m. Responding to and Recent Efforts to Roll Back and Attack the Use of Qualified Immunity

Qualified immunity was recently referred to as an "unlawful assault on civil rights and police accountability." After Professor Blum's presentation, gain insight from the State and Local Legal Center's executive director on how to counter these efforts and effectively respond to the use of such publications and efforts against your clients.

Lisa Soronen, *State and Local Legal Center*, Washington, DC

- 3:30 p.m. Refreshment Break SPONSORED BY Erlingson Banks PLLC
- 3:55 p.m. Specialized Litigation Group Breakout Sessions (see below)
- 5:15 p.m. **Governmental Liability Committee Meeting** (open to all)

6:00 p.m.	Networking Reception
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7:30 p.m. **Dine-Arounds** | Join colleagues and friends at selected restaurants for dinner (*on your own*). More details on-site.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7:00 a.m. Registration

- 7:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast SPONSORED BY Kightlinger & Gray LLP
- 8:00 a.m. Announcements Paul V. Mullin, Sugarman Law Firm LLP, Svracuse, NY

8:05 a.m. Supreme Court Review

Supreme Court advocate Tom Dupree will break down the politics, personalities, and leading cases, as the Court launches a new term with a new Justice. Mr. Dupree's engaging, energetic and informative presentation will provide invaluable information that every civil rights and governmental liability practitioner needs to know.

Thomas H. Dupree, Jr., *Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP*, Washington, DC

- 9:15 a.m. Breakout Sessions (see below)
- 10:15 a.m. Refreshment Break

SPECIALIZED LITIGATION GROUP BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Thursday, January 31, 3:55 p.m.–5:00 p.m. (choose one)

LAW ENFORCEMENT	EDUCATION	LAND USE
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to and Limiting Monell Discovery Gain practical insight on common discov- ery issues relating to Monell claims, including defining the scope of policies and procedures that need to be produced and how to set lim-	Hear from a practitioner on how to handle common accommoda- tion requests and Americans with Disabilities Act issues in educa- tional institutions.	Learn how to limit or minimize potential fallout and other issues from comments and statements made by elected officials during legislative sessions.
itations effectively on temporal limitations relating to requests for personnel files. Tara L. Johnston , <i>Erlingson Banks PLLC</i> ,	Pamela A. Leist , <i>Ennis Britton</i> <i>Co. LPA</i> , Cincinnati, OH	Christopher D. (Chris) Balch , <i>Balch Law Group</i> , Atlanta, GA
Baton Rouge, LA		

10:30 a.m. Handling Critical Litigation and Evidentiary Issues in Police Liability Defense Cases

When defending police officers and municipalities in police liability cases, practitioners are faced with a multitude of issues from the moment a complaint is filed. This session will cover guestions that we commonly ask ourselves when defending these cases: Should you remove the case to federal court? Do you file a motion to dismiss when the plaintiff will likely be able to amend to cure the defects? How do you effectively handle the deposition of a plaintiff? Should you depose the plaintiff's experts? How do you effectively set the case up for summary judgment motion based on gualified immunity? How do you effectively use motions in limine? What issues should you consider when preparing jury instructions or special verdict forms? You won't want to miss the critical answers to these questions and many more.

Robert L. (Bob) Christie, *Christie Law Group PLLC*, Seattle, WA

11:30 a.m. Ethical and Effective Use of Motion Practice and Representing Multiple Parties: A View from the Bench

Hear from a federal magistrate on how to use motion practice effectively and ethically to try and resolve cases or limit the scope of issues for trial. The presentation will discuss counsel's ethical obligations to the court and opposing counsel when citing nonbinding and unreported legal authority and evidence in a summary judgment motion. There will also be a discussion about ethical issues when representing multiple parties, such as a municipality and its police officers in civil rights litigation.

MODERATOR | Nicholas J. (Nick) Lanza, Lanza Law Firm PC, Houston, TX

The Honorable Keith F. Giblin, US District Court, Eastern District of Texas, Beaumont, TX

12:30 p.m. Adjourn/Lunch (on your own)

 Public Service Project
 Networking Events

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BREAKOUT SESSIONS

EMPLOYMENT

Use of "Me Too" Evidence

Frequently, plaintiffs attemp to introduce other instances of discrimination or harassment against other employees by the alleged harasser or employer as evidence to prove their claims. Learn how to challenge the admissibility of such evidence and how to defend against the use of it if the evidence is deemed admissible.

Brian H. Leinhauser, The MacMain Law Group LLC, Malvern, PA

• YOUNG LAWYERS

Nuts and Bolts of 42 U.S.C. §1983 Claims and Litigation

This breakout will provide an understanding of how to analyze and litigate a 42 U.S.C. \$1983 claim once it hits your desk. All attendees are invited to this session because it will also provide a refresher for experienced practitioners.

Peter R. Jennetten, Quinn Johnston Henderson Pretorius & Cerulo, Peoria, IL

Friday, February 1, 9:15 a.m.–10:15 a.m. (choose one)

PRISON/LAW ENFORCEMENT

Heroin Addiction and Suicide: A Deadly Brew

U.S. jails, similar to the communities that they serve, are in the throes of a drug addiction epidemic, specifically a rise in opiate addiction. Predictably, death rates are on the rise. However, it is not just accidental overdoses that are behind the steep increase in deaths attributed to such drugs as heroin. In jails, the increased mortality among this population is occurring as a result of suicide. This presentation presents the statistics of substance use and suicide among drug-addicted persons, describes the psychological and physiological factors that contribute to suicidality, and details methods for improved identification and management of at-risk detainees.

Melissa S. Caldwell, PhD, CCHP-MH, Advanced Correctional Healthcare Inc, Peoria, IL

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- Or contact the hotel directly at 210.223.1000 and mention the DRI Civil Rights and Governmental Liability Seminar.

The hotel block is limited and rooms and rates are available on a firstcome, first-served basis. You must make reservations by **January 8, 2019**, to be eligible for the group rate. Requests for reservations made after **January 8** are subject to room and rate availability.

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NETWORKING EVENTS

Wednesday, January 30

Young Lawyers Dine-Around Dinner

Meet with other young lawyers for a fun-filled evening at a local restaurant for networking and good food. More details and information on how to RSVP will be provided later. Please contact Kevin R. Stone, **kstone@fmglaw.com**, and Charles Gilliam-Brownlee, **cgilliam-brownlee@macmainlaw.com**, in the meantime with any questions.

Thursday, January 31

Women in the Law Committee Lunch

Join Women in the Law Committee members for lunch, learning, and networking. More details and information on how to RSVP will be provided later. Please contact Chrissy Vessels, **cvessels@mrrlaw.com**, in the meantime with any questions.

Friday, February 1

Fun Run Along the Riverwalk

Any runners (or even nonrunners) can join other seminar attendees early in the morning on Friday, February 1, 2019, for a 5K run leav-

ing from the hotel and running along the South Town/Riverwalk Trail. More details and information on how to RSVP will be provided later. Please contact Nathaniel Jordan, **njordan@yaub.com**, in the meantime with any questions.

Community Service

We will again be doing a community service fundraiser or project to help a local organization. More details and information on how to participate will be provided later. Please contact Ray Harrell, **rharrell@flahertylegal.com**, in the meantime with any questions.

Friday Afternoon Networking Activities

The committee is also planning networking activities for small groups that will take place on Friday afternoon after the seminar ends. Either book a late flight on Friday or stay until Saturday morning to enjoy a Friday afternoon of networking in the Riverwalk District of San Antonio. More details and information on how to RSVP for the various activities will be provided later. Please contact Jody Corbett, **jody@** berkelawfirm.com, in the meantime with any questions.

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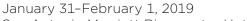
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