

MCSA Legal Affairs Committee

The Legal Affairs Committee is chaired by Sheriff Bob Gualtieri and is a subcommittee of MCSA that focuses on the legal issues affecting our members. The purpose of the LAC is to provide a forum where Sheriffs and their legal advisors can discuss and share information and strategies on pressing and timely legal questions unique to Major County Sheriffs as well as those affecting law enforcement in general. As we all know, what happens or begins in one part of the country soon enough impacts us all. The LAC is designed so that Sheriffs and their lawyers can learn from each other about what legal issues they are facing and what actions have been most effective in dealing with those issues.

Since its inaugural meeting in February 2018, the LAC has met in conjunction with the Winter and Summer meetings. Past LAC meetings have included nationally recognized guest speakers and vibrant round-table discussions on public records, religious expression in jails, use-of-force litigation and qualified immunity, the First Amendment implications of protests and demonstrations, mental health and crisis-intervention, immigration, and much more. Most recently, at the February 2019 Washington meeting, the LAC was honored to host Judge Michael P. Allen of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, who provided tips and insights on effective and persuasive briefing and oral argument.



The LAC will meet again in Louisville on June 12, 2019. Programming for the day includes a presentation on recent court decisions affecting Sheriffs' operations; advanced topics in expert witness selection, preparation, and testimony by the energetic Missy K. O'Linn; and, in light of the recent studies and data on body-worn cameras, a panel discussion entitled, Body Cameras in Review: Effect on Criminal Cases, Civil Rights, Privacy and Police Misconduct. Panelists will include members from the judiciary, academia, the law enforcement community, practicing attorneys, and others. All MCSA members and guests are welcome to attend.

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