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Friday, April 24, 2026

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8:15	Registration and Continental Breakfast	1:15	Practical Advice and Legal Tips for Navigating the Impacts of Federal Immigration Actions
8:55	Welcome <i>Haley Percell, Government Law Section Chair, Oregon School Board Association, Salem</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical tips and real-world experience from veteran government attorneys on navigating the legal, operational, and political challenges triggered by federal immigration enforcement actions • Collaborative dialogue among participants, recognizing that this rapidly evolving area requires shared insights, collective problem-solving, and learning from one another's experiences
9:00	Oregon Water Law: Foundations and New Administrative Frictions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundational principles of Oregon municipal water law, including the prior appropriation doctrine and the core legal structures governing city water systems • Key administrative and regulatory developments at OWRD, focusing on how new groundwater permitting rules and ongoing rulemaking affect municipal water supply planning, permitting, and long-term resource strategy <i>Leah Cogan, GSI Water Solutions Inc., Corvallis</i>		Haley Percell, Oregon School Board Association, Salem Laura Westmeyer, Cable Huston LLP, Portland Grace Wong, City of Beaverton, Beaverton
10:00	Transition Break	2:15	Transition
10:05	Urban Renewal: Navigating Formation, Operation, and Closing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A comprehensive legal roadmap on the lifespan of an urban renewal agency • The mechanics of relevant financing tools, like Tax Increment Financing (TIF), and how they function within urban renewal agencies <i>Josh Soper, Beery Elsner Hammond LLP, Portland</i>	2:20	Public Sector Bargaining—Emerging Issues and Trends for Government Lawyers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essential updates on public sector labor law in Oregon • Emerging trends • What to expect at the 2026 union bargaining tables—and the strategies that position you for successful negotiations Neil Taylor, Local Government Law Group PC, Eugene Mark Wolf, Local Government Law Group PC, Eugene
11:05	Break	3:20	Transition Break
11:15	The Evolving Legal Framework Between Local Governments and Federal Immigration Authorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical analysis of the statutory and constitutional boundaries that define how local entities interact with federal enforcement agencies • Various legal disputes around the country and how they may impact the actions local governments in Oregon may take <i>Erin Dawson, Markowitz Herbold PC, Portland</i> <i>Anit Jindal, Markowitz Herbold PC, Portland</i>	3:25	Mandatory Abuse Reporting for Oregon's Government Lawyers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oregon's mandatory reporting statutes and their function • How abuse or neglect may present • Understanding the intersection between mandated reporting requirements and an attorney's obligations under the Oregon Rules of Professional Conduct Linn Davis, Oregon State Bar, Tigard
12:15	Networking Lunch (included with registration)	4:25	Closing Remarks <i>Haley Percell, Government Law Section Chair, Oregon School Board Association, Salem</i>
		4:30	Adjourn

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