



**SOUTH CAROLINA  
ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES**

**South Carolina Local Government Attorneys' Institute**

**November 17, 2023  
USC Alumni Center, Columbia  
Course No: 932044**

- 8:55 a.m. Welcome**
- 9:00 a.m. 2023 Federal Caselaw Update**  
*Amanda Karras, Executive Director / General Counsel -  
International Municipal Lawyers Association (IMLA)*
- 10:00 a.m. Rules of Engagement: Best Practices for Government Lawyers**  
*Nichole Davis, Attorney  
McWhirter, Bellinger & Associates, P.A.*
- 11:00 a.m. Break**
- 11:15 a.m. Mental Health/ Substance Abuse Presentation**  
*Desa Ballard, Attorney  
Ballard and Watson*
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch Break**
- 1:15 p.m. First Amendment Auditors**  
*Joan E. Winters, Attorney  
Winters Law Firm*
- 2:15 p.m. Procurement Presentation**  
*Michael Montgomery, Attorney  
Montgomery Willard, LLC*
- 3:15 p.m. Break**
- 3:30 p.m. 2023 State Caselaw Update**  
*John K. DeLoache, SCAC Senior Staff Attorney*
- 4:00 p.m. 2023 Legislative Update**  
*John O. Wienges, Jr. SCAC Staff Attorney*
- 4:30 p.m. Adjourn**