

Thursday, January 22, 2026

1:30 – 4:45 p.m.

Government Law Section

3.0 MCLE Credit Hours, including up to 1.0 LEPR Credit Hours

Supreme Court Commission on CLE Course #: 260128

Room Location: 105-106

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John Nichols, Of Counsel with Bluestein Thompson Sullivan, LLC provides consultation regarding professional responsibility and ethics and will provide practical information regarding the use artificial intelligence. South Carolina SLED general counsel, Adam Whitsett will provide insight and knowledge on how to handle code enforcement and sovereign citizens. Ken Roper, has years of experience as the former Pickens County Attorney and now as Pickens County Administrator, is going to share his knowledge about emergency services by counties, municipalities, and special purpose districts. Complexity of code enforcement from notice of violation to finish will be explained by Brad Farrar, who has decades of experience as a local government attorney and currently serves as the county attorney for Aiken County.

Agenda

1:30– 2:30 p.m. **Chat RPC: Ethical Considerations for the Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence**

John Nichols
Bluestein Thompson Sullivan, LLC
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2:30– 3 p.m. **Code Enforcement and Sovereign Citizens**

Adam Whitsett
South Carolina Law Enforcement Division
Columbia, SC

3– 3:15 p.m. **Break**

3:15– 4 p.m. **Provision of Emergency Services by Counties, Cities, and Special Purpose Districts**

Ken Roper
Pickens County
Pickens, SC

4– 4:45 p.m. **Code Enforcement: So I Really Am My Brother's Keeper?**

Bradley T. Farrar
Aiken County
Aiken, SC

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