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Recent Events and Presentations

Tricia Ambrose and David MacMain Publish Articles to the Pennsylvania Municipal League Winter 2020 Municipal Reporter: Risk Management Edition- 12/29/20



Tricia Ambrose and **David MacMain** were asked to contribute to the Pennsylvania Municipal League (PML) Winter 2020 Municipal Reporter: Risk Management Edition. The PML's mission is to "Strengthen, empower, and advocate for effective local government."

Ms. Ambrose's article discussed the sexual abuse exception to the Pennsylvania Political Subdivision Tort Claims Act, how the exception can affect municipalities, and how municipalities can limit and manage risks associated with the new exception.

Mr. MacMain's article focused on the importance of municipalities and law enforcement agencies maintaining and enforcing policies and records in order to guide staff and mitigate risk.

David MacMain Published in Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association Magazine – 12/17/20



David MacMain was recently published in the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association's 2020 Winter Bulletin, a quarterly magazine that goes to police administrators all over the state. The focus of David's article, "**Smile, You're On Camera,**" was the need for officers and agencies to be mindful and proactive with how they are viewed and behave with the proliferation of iPhones, videos, and social media that places law enforcement under a constant microscope. David shared lessons, wisdom, and practical advice based on his years of defending law enforcement agencies and correctional facilities throughout the country, as well as his own personal law enforcement experience as to how such videos and social media can shape, the good, bad and ugly, how an incident and the profession is viewed.

David MacMain Presents at PBI Use of Force Seminar – 12/11/20



David MacMain was a panelist and speaker at a recent Pennsylvania Bar Institute (PBI) webinar, "On the Inside and Out: Excessive Force, Police Brutality and Prisoner Rights Cases," on December 11, 2020. The panel was comprised of speakers on both sides of the caption, including four Plaintiff's civil rights attorneys, Craig Straw of the Philadelphia City Solicitors Office, and Assistant United States Attorney Michael Butler. The panel discussed the use of force claims in both the police and prison context, with David focusing on the defense of such claims and how the news media and public may not fully understand the difficulties and challenges officers face.

David MacMain Presents Police Liability Webinar for Glatfelter Insurance Group – 12/3/20



On December 3, 2020, **David MacMain** presented a nuts and bolts webinar for claims professionals at Glatfelter Insurance Group captioned, "Analyzing Police Liability Claims." The program addressed the types of claims that arise from law enforcement activity, the key legal and practical issues that they present, and how to assess, analyze, and manage such claims.

MacMain, Connell & Leinhauser Serves as "Go To" Counsel for 1983 Class Action Defense



Building on the firm's past experience in defending 1983 class action litigation, the firm has been increasingly sought out to defend class action litigation in law enforcement and correctional matters. In the past several months, the firm has been retained to defend and resolve three separate class actions regarding prison litigation in New Jersey (David MacMain, Brian Leinhauser, Samantha Ryan, and Matthew Polaha), a class action involving gun licensing litigation in Pennsylvania (David MacMain and Janelle Fulton), a class action regarding police search litigation in Pennsylvania (David MacMain, Brian Leinhauser, and Andrew Davis), and two separate juvenile detention facility class actions in Tennessee (David MacMain and Andrew Davis).

Matthew J. Connell conducted discrimination and harassment training company-wide to a major Pennsylvania municipal authority. Mr. Connell's presentation focused on the perils associated with management's failure to stop and prevent harassing and discriminatory conduct in the workplace Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA). The presentation also addressed management's responsibility in responding to requests for reasonable accommodation under the ADA and the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA).



New Attorney Spotlight

MacMain, Connell & Leinhauser is excited to announce the addition of Lauren A. Nehra to our legal team.



Lauren Nehra is originally from the Lehigh Valley, and migrated to the West Chester area for college and earned her bachelor's degree in 2008 from West Chester University, where she was President of the Pre-Law Society and a member of the WCU Gospel Choir. Lauren obtained her paralegal certificate from Widener University Delaware Law School. In 2016, Lauren returned to Widener and earned her law degree in December 2019. While in law school, Lauren was a member of the Moot Court Honor Society, where she was a several-time finalist and earned awards, including best oral advocate. Lauren joined MacMain, Connell & Leinhauser in October 2020 and is admitted to practice law in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the United States District Court of the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

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