

# 12<sup>th</sup> Annual MMLA Public Construction and Infrastructure Conference



## Strategies and Tips for Preparing and Trying Complex Construction and Infrastructure Cases

**Why would you want to attend the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual PCU even if you don't handle complex construction and infrastructure cases?**

*Because the themes and content of this program will help you in any municipal case you are handling that involves experts, motion practice and presentation of complex or dense material to juries or judges in an effective, succinct and persuasive manner.*

### **Presentations:**

#### **TELLING YOUR STORY IN THE DIGITAL AGE – Effective Use of Multimedia Tools at Trial**

*You will discover how to use the modern teaching tools jurors have come to expect. You will learn techniques to illustrate and improve opening statements, witness examinations and closing statements.*

***Ian A. McWilliams***

#### **UTILIZING EXPERTS IN COMPLEX CASES – Top Ten Issues to Consider**

*Expert witnesses are essential to building and trying complex cases. This panel will tell you everything you need to know about hiring and working with experts from start to finish, including discovery, motion practice, dispute resolution, trial and beyond.*

***Christopher J. Petrini, Esq., Roy Cooper & Steven A. Torres, Esq.***

#### **USE AND OVERUSE OF MOTIONS IN LIMINE – Effectively Address Evidentiary Issues Before Trial**

*How to use motions in limine in advance of trial both to exclude unfavorable evidence and obtain affirmative rulings that favorable evidence may be admitted, and how to defend against cross-motions. Such motions can be key to framing your client's story to be told through the admissible evidence, avoiding frequent interruptions during your trial presentations, and minimizing juror confusion.*

***Heather C. White, Esq.***

**June 8, 2023**

**3:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

**Wayside Inn  
72 Wayside Inn Road  
Sudbury, MA 01776**

**Fee: \$45.00**

### **Presenters:**

**Christopher J. Petrini, Esq.**  
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*Moderator*

**Roy Cooper**  
Arcadis Technical Advisory Group

**Ian A. McWilliams**  
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**Steven A. Torres, Esq.**  
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## Presenter Bios



**Christopher J. Petrini, Esq., Moderator**, is the founding principal of Petrini & Associates, P.C. Mr. Petrini served as Town Counsel and then City Solicitor for Framingham from 2001 until retiring from that role in 2022, and currently serves as Town Counsel of the Towns of Leicester, Sherborn, and West Brookfield. Since founding Petrini & Associates in 2004, Mr. Petrini has been retained by approximately 35 municipalities and school districts to provide public construction special counsel counseling and litigation services, presently including the Cities of Boston, Springfield and Westfield, and the Towns of Billerica, Holden, and Groton. Mr. Petrini has served as lead counsel in two major sewer infrastructure litigation and agency proceedings that have resulted in more than \$45M in judgments or new revenues collected for his clients. Mr. Petrini has been selected as a *New England Super Lawyer* on ten separate occasions, including each year since 2014, and as a *Top 100 Lawyer in New England* on three separate occasions. Mr. Petrini is widely recognized as a statewide expert in municipal law and public construction litigation.



**Roy Cooper** is a Senior Vice President and Leader of Arcadis' technical Advisory group in North America. The practice includes the Contracts Solutions group which provides expert testimony, claims analysis, schedule review services, constructability reviews, cost estimating and risk management. The Technical Advisory practice also includes Arcadis' Technical Due Diligence and Value Engineering groups. Mr. Cooper is a Professional Engineer registered in Connecticut, Florida, Louisiana, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island and Texas. Roy has more than 34 years of construction experience, including analysis and review of complex construction claims from the beginning stages through trial support and expert testimony.



**Ian A. McWilliams** has been in the "Multimedia Presentation" business since the 1970's. In 2004 he founded New England Trial Services, the region's top Legal Video Producer and Award-Winning Courtroom Presentation Consultants. He has helped his clients present their evidence in over 100 civil trials. Ian is a longtime member of the American Society of Trial Consultants.



**Steven A. Torres, Esq.** has over 20 years of experience in municipal law, including construction and public-private partnerships and has been a project advisor and chief legal counsel who has managed in excess of \$1.5 billion in project value in the areas of utilities, water and wastewater, transportation, building construction and renewable energy. Attorney Torres has significant knowledge and experience in state, federal and local regulations including zoning, land use planning, and building and environmental permitting. Prior to joining West Group Law PLLC, Attorney Torres served for thirteen years as a city attorney for four consecutive mayoral administrations in two cities.



**Heather C. White, Esq.** is a principal of Petrini & Associates, PC with nearly twenty years of experience as a municipal attorney. She is a past president of the Massachusetts Municipal Lawyers Association and former co-chair of the Public Law Section Council of the Massachusetts Bar Association. From 2009 to 2014, Ms. White worked as Framingham Town Counsel's designee in house with the Department of Public Works and provided legal counsel on all public construction matters during the peak of the department's massive capital improvement program. She later served as Legal Counsel at the Massachusetts Port Authority and focused her practice there on Capital Programs and Procurement. She currently serves as Town Counsel to the Town of Fairhaven and special counsel for the Boston Public Library in connection with the planned construction of a new branch library in Chinatown.