

MASSACHUSETTS MUNICIPAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION, INC. is pleased to present:

**MUNICIPAL REGULATION OF GAS COMPANIES: GAS LEAKS, SAFETY,  
AND BARRIERS TO LOCAL POLICE POWER**

Our Wednesday, December 5, 4:00pm-8:30pm, November/December combined dinner meeting and seminar will take place at the **Stoneforge Tavern** in Raynham.

The program topic will be: **MUNICIPAL REGULATION OF GAS COMPANIES: GAS LEAKS, SAFETY, AND BARRIERS TO LOCAL POLICE POWER**

Given what has happened lately in several communities concerning gas distribution, this is a most timely topic.

With the emphasis on reducing greenhouse gas emissions at all levels of government, natural gas has been an important source of energy to reduce reliance on fossil fuels. But natural gas has come with its shortcomings, including environmentally harmful gas leaks, both to the atmosphere and surrounding vegetation, and public safety hazards as most recently evidenced in the Merrimack Valley communities. This program will take a look at the enactment of the Boston Gas Leaks Ordinance, the legal challenge that followed, and the existing barriers to local regulation of gas distribution companies.

Speakers:

**Sammy Nabulsi**, Esq., Rose, Chinitz & Rose, and former Assistant Corporation Counsel with the City of Boston

**Elizabeth Mahony** is an Assistant Attorney General and Senior Policy Advisor for Energy for Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey. Elizabeth serves in the Energy and Telecommunications Division where she focuses on utility clean energy procurements, solar program development and rate design, and consumer protection. She is also the legislative liaison for energy policy and legislation. Elizabeth coordinates the Attorney General Office's response to the devastating September 13, 2018 Merrimack Valley gas explosions and fires.

**Program Details and Schedule**

3:30pm – 4:00pm: Arrival & Registration

4:00pm – 4:10pm: Welcome and Introductions  
by **Kathleen Colleary**, Esq., MMLA President

4:10pm – 6:00pm:

**Sammy Nabulsi**, Esq., Rose, Chinitz & Rose, and former Assistant Corporation Counsel with the City of Boston

**Elizabeth Mahony**, Assistant Attorney General

6:00pm–7:30pm: Reception and Dinner

7:30pm – 8:30pm:

Completion of program and discussion on municipal law topics

Note: Different day of the week and earlier start time. This is the combined November and December educational program and dinner meeting.

Cost: \$45.00 for MMLA members current on their dues and local officials. The fee includes the seminar, electronic materials and a full buffet dinner. There is a \$10.00 surcharge for non-dues-current MMLA members.

Make check payable to "MMLA, Inc." and bring your check to the program, or (preferably) mail it to MMLA office.

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