# TRAINING AGENDA

# Day One, Wednesday June 5, 2019 Office of Ethics, Compliance and Oversight Office of General Counsel

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	Speaker(s)

8:00-8:15 am Registration/Breakfast

8:15 -9:00 am City Council Orientation

# **Ethics Program**

9:00-9:20 am	Ethics Overview and	Scott Wilson,	<b>Council President-Elect</b>

Welcoming Remarks Jason Gabriel, General Counsel

Mac D. Heavener, III, Chief Assistant

**State Attorney** 

9:20-9:45 am Government Ethics Carla Miller, Ethics Director

9:45-11:00 am Ethics Danger Areas Carla Miller, Ethics Director

Jason Gabriel, General Counsel

**Kirby Oberdorfer** 

11:00-11:10 am Break

11:10-12:10 pm Public Records Margaret M. Sidman

Sunshine Law Paige Johnston

12:10-12:30 pm Wrap Up/Questions

12:30-1:30 pm Lunch

# SPEAKER BIOS

### **SCOTT WILSON**

**Scott Wilson** was elected to City Council in 2015 and has served as chairman of several committees. He has been awarded the Most Outstanding Committee Chair twice and currently serves as Vice-President/President-Elect of the City Council.

## **JASON GABRIEL**

Jason R. Gabriel is the General Counsel. He originally joined the Office of General Counsel in 2010. Before that, Mr. Gabriel specialized in Local Government Law and related areas with the law firm of Edwards Cohen. Mr. Gabriel has a Bachelor of Arts Degree, cum laude, and a Juris Doctorate Degree, both from the University of Florida. Mr. Gabriel is a member of the Florida Bar, a member of the City, County and Local Government Law Section of the Florida Bar, and a member of the U.S. Middle District Court of Florida. In addition, Mr. Gabriel has been recognized as a Legal Elite<sup>TM</sup> attorney by *Florida Trend Magazine* and has received an AV Preeminent<sup>®</sup> Peer Review Rating<sup>TM</sup> by Martindale-Hubbell<sup>®</sup>.

# **MAC D. HEAVENER, III**

Mac Heavener assumed his current role as Chief Assistant at the State Attorney's Office in 2017. He began his legal career with the firm of Holland & Knight, LLP in Orlando and also served as Deputy Chief of the United States Attorney's Office in Jacksonville. As a federal prosecutor, he prosecuted a wide range of federal offenses, with particular emphasis upon civil rights crimes, human trafficking, violent crimes, white collar crimes, and public corruption. He graduated summa cum laude from The Citadel and Cum Laude with a Juris Doctorate from the University of South Carolina School of Law. He is a member of the Florida and Jacksonville Bar Associations, the Chester Bedell American Inn of Court, and currently serves as the Secretary of the Criminal Law Section of the Florida Bar.

#### **CARLA MILLER**

Carla Miller is the City of Jacksonville's first Ethics Officer (1999) and the first Director of the independent Ethics Office. She helped write our City's first ethics code in 1997 and has worked in the City's ethics program for the last 20 years. She is a Gator and a Seminole, as she received her undergraduate degree in Criminology from Florida State University and her law degree from the University of Florida. She was recently a Fellow at the Ethics Center at Harvard for two years. She has worked in Jacksonville in the Criminal Justice system for over 40 years and started her legal career as a federal prosecutor specializing in public corruption cases.

### KIRBY OBERDORFER

**Kirby Oberdorfer** is the Deputy Director of the Ethics Office. She joined the office in 2015 after serving on the Ethics Commission 2007-2010. Before that, Ms. Oberdorfer worked in private law practice in Jacksonville for 4.5 years, taught at Florida Coastal School of Law for 7.5 years and worked at Fidelity National Title Company for almost 2 years. She obtained her Juris Doctor Degree, cum laude, from Mercer University School of Law.

#### MARGARET M. SIDMAN

Margaret M. Sidman joined the General Counsel's Office in 2003, was promoted to Chief of the Legislative Services Department in 2009, promoted to Deputy Legislative Affairs in 2012 and Managing Deputy in 2013. Prior to joining the General Counsel's Office, Ms. Sidman was corporate counsel for Bombardier Capital, Inc. Ms. Sidman also has experience with commercial litigation involving general contract disputes, real estate, and secured transactions. Prior to her legal career, Ms. Sidman served as a legislative aide to State Senator Bill Bankhead. She graduated summa cum laude from the University of Florida and is a graduate of the Washington College of Law at American University.

#### PAIGE JOHNSTON

Paige Hobbs Johnston joined the Office of General Counsel in 2012. She provides legal and legislative counsel to City Council, as well as the Planning Commission and the Waterways Commission. Prior to joining the General Counsel's Office, Ms. Johnston worked for Rogers Towers on land use matters. Ms. Johnston graduated, cum laude, from the University of Central Florida, and obtained her Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Florida Law School . She also holds a Masters of Arts in Political Science with a Certificate in Public Administration. Ms Johnston is a member of the Florida Bar and the City, County and Local Government and the Environmental Land Use Law Sections of the Florida Bar. She has received an AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rating<sup>TM</sup> by Martindale-Hubbell®.