

CITIES ON THE CUTTING EDGE
FINANCING LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN THE 21ST CENTURY
PROGRAM

- 8:30 a.m. **Sign in and Breakfast** at Hastings College of the Law, 198 McAllister Street,
(Sign in--Lobby, Breakfast--2nd floor)
- 9:00 a.m. **Welcome** (Classroom C, 2nd floor of the 198 Building)
Hastings College of the Law Academic Dean Leo Martinez
- 9:10 a.m. **Opening Remarks:** (Classroom C, 2nd floor of the 198 Building)
The Changing Balance of State/Local Fiscal Power: Will They Ever Get it Right?
Speaker: Fred Silva, Senior Advisor, Government Relations, Public Policy
Institute of California
- 10:00 a.m. **Morning Session: Restructuring the State/Local Fiscal Relationship**
(Classroom C, 2nd floor of the 198 Building)

Moderator: Fred Silva

Local Finance in California: an Overview and Critique - Richard Thompson Ford,
Professor of Law and Justin M. Roach, Jr. Faculty Scholar, Stanford Law School

The City Perspective - Betsy Strauss, Special Counsel to the League of
California Cities

The County Perspective – Steven Woodside, Sonoma County Counsel

The State Perspective – Peter Detwiler, Consultant, Senate Local Government
Committee
- 12:00 p.m. **Luncheon** (Alumni Reception Center, 200 McAllister Street, 2nd floor)
- 1:15 p.m. **Afternoon Session: The Search for Revenue** (Classroom C, 2nd floor of the
198 Building)

Moderator: Michael Colantuono, Colantuono & Levin

David Gelfand, Ashton Phelps Professor of Constitutional Law, Tulane
University School of Law

Laurie Reynolds, Professor of Law, University of Illinois

Lenny Goldberg, Executive Director, California Tax Reform Association

W. Bart Hildreth, Regents Distinguished Professor of Public Finance, and
Director, Kansas Public Finance Center, Wichita State University
- 3:30 p.m. **Reception:** (Hastings Sky Room, 100 McAllister Street. 24th floor)