

IAAO ANNUAL
LEGAL **SEMINAR**
ADVANCING PROPERTY TAX LAW
DECEMBER 10-11, 2026 • ATLANTA, GA



The intersection of property taxation and the law is a challenging area to maneuver in, whether you are an attorney, assessor, or an expert witness. Learn from some of the best in the business regarding how to address today's challenges, whether it be innovative appraisal theories, creative litigation techniques, or interpreting legislative changes.

Learn more at www.iaao.org/2026-legal-seminar

IAAO ANNUAL LEGAL SEMINAR *Program**

Thursday, December 10, 2026

7:30 – 8:00 AM	Continental Breakfast and Registration
8:00 – 8:15 AM	Opening Remarks Ned Chappell, CAE, MAI – <i>Litigation Supervisor, Maricopa County Assessor's Office, Phoenix, AZ</i> Michael Combrink, Esq. – <i>Attorney, Gust Rosenfeld, PLC, Phoenix, AZ</i> William Healey, RES – <i>2026 IAAO President</i> Roderick Conley, AAS, RES – <i>Chief Appraiser, Fulton County Board of Assessors, Atlanta, GA</i>
8:15 – 9:15 AM	Cases of Note in Your Jurisdictions Thomas A. Jaconetty, Esq. – <i>Attorney at Law, Of Counsel, Ryan Law, Chicago, IL</i>
9:15 – 10:15 AM	Measuring Fairness: Using Ratio Studies to Test Assessment Accuracy, Uniformity, and Equity Paul Bidanset – <i>Researcher/Founder, Center for Appraisal Research and Technology (CART), Virginia Beach, VA</i>
10:15 – 10:30 AM	Break
10:30 – 11:30 AM	Chicago's Quantum Leap: Qubits, Kilowatts, and Taxation Christina Lynch, Esq. – <i>Director of Legal, Cook County Assessor's Office, Chicago, IL</i> Mildred Terzic, CCIM, RPA – <i>Director of Special Properties, Cook County Assessor's Office, Chicago, IL</i> Michael Piper, AAS – <i>Chief Valuations Officer, Cook County Assessor's Office, Chicago, IL</i>
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Repurposing Assessment Data in Mass and Single Appraisal Market Analysis William Miller – <i>Managing Director, Integra Realty Resources, Chicago, IL</i>
12:30 – 1:30 PM	Luncheon provided at the hotel
1:30 – 2:30 PM	Threats to Casino Valuation Rich Jortberg, MS, MAI – <i>Managing Director, Jortberg Associates LLC, Boulder, CO</i>
2:30 – 3:30 PM	Clash of the Absolutes: How to Defend and Conduct Depositions in Ad Valorem Tax Litigation Michelle Drea, Esq. – <i>Assessor, City of Madison, WI</i> Jason Donkor, Esq. – <i>Assistant City Attorney, City of Madison, WI</i>
3:30 – 3:45 PM	Break
3:45 – 4:45 PM	Appraisals and Litigation That Goes Dark Mark Pomykacz, MAI, ASA, SCGRE – <i>Managing Member, Federal Appraisal LLC, Whitehouse Station, NJ</i>

Friday, December 11, 2026

7:30 – 8:00 AM	Continental Breakfast & Registration
8:00 – 9:00 AM	The Cap Rate Battlefield: Strategies for Analysis, Attack, and Defense Shawn Wilson, MAI – <i>Fee Appraiser, Compass Real Estate Consulting Inc., Lakeland, FL</i>
9:00 – 10:00 AM	Admissible, But Not Credible Joshua Wood, JD, MAI, AI-GRS – <i>Partner, Teel Valuation Group, Houston, TX</i>
10:00 – 10:15 AM	Break
10:15 – 11:15 AM	Winning the Case from Filing to Appeal Brian Cusimano, Esq. – <i>COO and General Counsel, Nexus Group, Inc., Indianapolis, IN</i>
11:15 AM – 12:15 PM	Reassessments or Reckoning?: Unmasking the Dirty Secrets of Discrimination Hidden in Plain Sight Donna Prince, MA, DLP-ABD – <i>Assessor, Clarendon County, SC</i>
12:15 – 1:15 PM	Luncheon provided at the hotel
1:15 – 2:15 PM	Valuing Shopping Malls: A Litigated Case Study William Miller – <i>Managing Director, Integra Realty Resources, Chicago, IL</i>
2:15 – 3:15 PM	Two Sides of the Ledger: Appraisal Reform vs. Assessment Relief Across the 50 States (2025-2026) Rachel Kluender, MA, JD – <i>Attorney II, Arkansas Department of Finance & Administration</i>
3:15 – 3:30 PM	Break
3:30 – 4:30 PM	Staying Off Page One: Ethical Issues in the Creation of a New Court Frank M. O'Connell – <i>Chief Judge, Georgia Tax Court, Atlanta, GA</i>

* Program is subject to change.

“The Legal Seminar provides an opportunity to obtain personal knowledge from across the country on legal issues from the parties involved or knowledgeable following extensive time researching the issue. I believe this to be an essential benefit.”
—Marsha Standish

Learn more: www.iaao.org/2026-legal-seminar

IAAO ANNUAL LEGAL SEMINAR

DECEMBER 10 - 11, 2026 • ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Hotel



Renaissance Atlanta Midtown
866 W Peachtree St NW
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

The Renaissance Atlanta Midtown hotel at 866 W Peachtree Street NW in Atlanta will be host to the Annual Legal Seminar. The room rate for seminar attendees is \$249 per night, plus various taxes.

- Please note that the special IAAO room rate is offered on a first come, first served, on space-availability only until 5:00 pm on November 9, 2026.

- To reserve a room, click here:

IAAO Legal Seminar Room Block - December 2026



Transportation

For transportation options, visit the Hartsfield-Jackson **Atlanta International Airport's Ground Transportation webpage**.

Recertification Credit



IAAO professional designees will earn 14 hours of recertification credit. If you are participating in other recertification and continuing education programs, please bring the forms or letters to the seminar. We cannot guarantee that the credits will be honored by other entities.

CLE hours: Attorneys will receive a uniform certificate of attendance on the second day of the seminar for filing with their state. IAAO will seek approval for states that are requested prior to the Oct. 1 deadline. Indicate state(s) and attorney registration number when you register online or on the registration form. IAAO cannot guarantee that states will approve the seminar for CLE accreditation.



IAAO

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
of ASSESSING OFFICERS

Valuing the World

ABOUT IAAO

The International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO), established in 1934, is one of the world's largest and most comprehensive associations for assessment professionals. The IAAO mission is to promote innovation and excellence in property appraisal and property tax policy and administration through professional development, education, research, and technical assistance. IAAO members abide by a strict code of ethics to ensure public trust, and the association is a founding member of The Appraisal Foundation.

IAAO welcomes students and members of any sex, age, race, color, nationality, or ethnic origin. It does not discriminate on the basis of sex, age, race, color, nationality, or ethnic origin in the administration of its policies. IAAO complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

IAAO membership information is available from IAAO headquarters. Call the Membership Department at 816-701-8100, email membership@iaao.org, or visit iaao.org.

The statements made or views expressed by speakers at this seminar do not necessarily represent a policy position of the International Association of Assessing Officers.

Register today at www.iaao.org/2026-legal-seminar