

**NEW ENGLAND STATES
GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION**



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Donald J. Miklus
27th Annual
Spring Training Seminar

The Conference Center at Waltham Woods
April 4 – 5, 2019



SPECIAL DEDICATION

The Annual Spring Seminar is dedicated to Don Miklus who passed away unexpectedly in February 2008. Don was the Finance Director for the Town of Westport, CT having joined the Town's staff in 1966. During his 42-year career with the Town, Don was highly regarded for his municipal finance abilities and was most proud of the Town's Aaa bond rating.

Don was a long-time Executive Board member of the NESGFOA and served as the Association's President in 1980-1981.

Don was instrumental in establishing the annual training seminar for the NESGFOA. He felt that the members of the Association would greatly benefit from a two-day program that focused on key issues of public finance.

It is in this spirit that the Executive Board has named this seminar

“The Donald J. Miklus Annual Training Seminar.”





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John Fishbein

*Senior Program Manager
Government Finance Officers Association*

John Fishbein is a senior program manager in the Technical Services Center of the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) in Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Fishbein came to GFOA in 2002. He is responsible for the day-to-day operation of GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program. He is the author of GFOA's recent publication on Building a Better Budget Document. He previously authored Preparing High Quality Budget Documents for School Districts and Preparing High Quality Budget Documents. He serves as staff to GFOA's standing Committee on Governmental Budgeting and Fiscal Policy. He has spoken at national and Internet training seminars and conferences on budgeting.

W. Bradford McMillan, CFA®, CAIA, MAI

Managing Principal, Chief Investment Officer, Commonwealth Financial Network

Brad McMillan is chief investment officer and a managing principal at Commonwealth Financial Network®, a Registered Investment Adviser–broker/dealer based in Waltham, Massachusetts, and San Diego, California. As CIO, Brad oversees Commonwealth's investment and asset management groups, chairing the investment committee and acting as the primary spokesperson for the firm's investment divisions. Brad has been with Commonwealth since 2006.

Brad is a frequent commentator on the financial markets, U.S. economic policy, and the global economy for a range of media, including *Reuters*, *CNBC*, *USA TODAY*, *Barron's*, and *Bloomberg News*. He is the author of [Crash-Test Investing](#), a must-read primer for Main Street investors seeking to help insulate their portfolios against a market crash. Brad maintains a daily blog, [The Independent Market Observer](#), and is a regular contributor to *Forbes*.

Brad earned degrees from Dartmouth College (BA), MIT (MS in real estate development), and Boston College (MS in finance), and he holds the CFA®, CAIA, and MAI professional certifications.

Mark Broth & Anna Cole

Drummond Woodsum

Anna Cole is a member of Drummond Woodsum's Labor and Employment Group. Anna provides counseling and litigation services to public and private employers, as well as Indian nations and their enterprises, in all aspects of employment law. She represents employers in collective bargaining, contract administration, grievance and arbitration proceedings, and before the New Hampshire Public Employee Labor Relations Board. Anna advises and trains clients on workplace issues arising under the Family Medical Leave Act, Americans with Disabilities Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Fair Labor Standards Act, and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. She also reviews and drafts employee handbooks, and employer policies and procedures to ensure compliance with state and federal laws, as well as best practices. Anna also represents companies, municipalities, nonprofit organizations, and schools in discrimination, harassment, and retaliation claims before the New Hampshire Commission for Human Rights and the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission. She presents on employment topics nationally and provides training seminars for individual clients. Prior to joining Drummond Woodsum, Anna practiced for four years at another prominent law firm in Manchester, New Hampshire. Before entering private practice, Anna served as a judicial intern for the Honorable Chief Justice John T. Broderick, Jr., as a legal assistant for Blake J. Godbout & Associates, Boston MA; and as a legal intern at the New Hampshire Attorneys General's Office in Concord, NH. **EDUCATION** University of New Hampshire, B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2008 Tulane University, J.D., *cum laude*, 2011



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Mark Broth is a member of the firm's Labor and Employment Group. His practice focuses on the representation of private and public employers in all aspects of the employer-employee relationship. He frequently represents employers in discrimination, harassment, wrongful termination, FLSA, whistleblower, wage claim and FMLA litigation. He is active in representing employers before government agencies, including the EEOC, New Hampshire Commission for Human Rights, and state and federal Departments of Labor. Mark represents employers in collective bargaining, contract administration, grievance and arbitration proceedings, and before the National Labor Relations Board and New Hampshire Public Employees Labor Relations Board. In addition, he counsels employers on achieving and maintaining compliance with federal and state employment laws, the development of personnel policies, reductions in force, and employment contracts. Mark has consistently been recognized by national and regional publications which rate labor and employment lawyers including Best Lawyers in America, Chambers & Partners USA Guide, and New England Super Lawyers. He was named New Hampshire's 2014 Lawyer of the Year in the category of Labor Law-Management. He is an elected Fellow of The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers, the highest recognition by colleagues of sustained outstanding performance in the field of labor and employment law. Mark offers training programs on a variety of employment law topics, including sexual harassment, employment discrimination, workplace investigations, employee discipline, and collective bargaining and union relations. **EDUCATION:** Colgate University, B.A., 1979, Boston University School of Law, J.D., 1982

Lynn Rubinstein

Executive Director of the Northeast Recycling Council (NERC)

Lynn Rubinstein has been the Executive Director of the Northeast Recycling Council (NERC) for 20 years. Prior to being with NERC, she was the Solid Waste Manager for the City of Northampton, MA and the Conservation Director for the City of Holyoke. She has been actively engaged in recycling issues for more than 25 years.

Shaun O'Rourke

*Director of Stormwater & Resiliency
RI Infrastructure Bank*

Shaun is the Director of Stormwater & Resiliency for the RI Infrastructure Bank and the Chief Resiliency Officer for the State of Rhode Island. Shaun's experience also includes serving on the faculty of the Boston Architectural College and Director Sustainability Design. Shaun also serve as the National Green Infrastructure Program Director. Shaun received his BS from the UVM and a Master's Degree in Landscape Architect from SUNY College of Environmental Sciences.

Katie McCue

*Director of Administration
Mass Municipal Association*

Katie McCue is the Director of Administration and Finance for the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA), the statewide association that advocates for cities and towns and provides professional development, publications and more services for its members. Katie oversees the association's finance, operations, technology, human resources, and special projects. Prior to assuming this role in August 2016, Katie worked for five as the MMA's legislative analyst and later senior legislative analyst, lobbying on behalf of cities and towns.

Before joining the MMA, Katie served as the statewide campaign director and as an organizer with a national education non-profit organization advocating for policies to improve outcomes for students in public schools. Katie previously worked at an education non-profit in Washington, DC. She earned her master's in political management



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from the George Washington University and her bachelor's in political science with a minor in public relations from Bridgewater State University.

Ari Sky
Chief Financial Officer
City of New Bedford, MA

Ari Sky is the CFO of New Bedford, MA and a Board member of the NESGFOA. Ari has nearly 30 years of government service as an analyst, budget director and borough manager. Ari received his MPA in Urban Studies from American University and a BA from Brandeis University.



72nd Annual Fall Conference

September 8 -11, 2019

Spruce Peak
(Formerly Stowe Mt. Lodge)
Stowe, VT