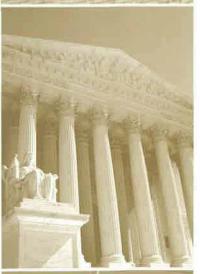


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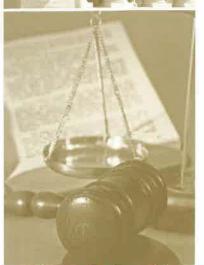


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#### **EDITOR'S NOTE**

This edition of the Local Government Law Review comes to you while the United States is still roiled by a pandemic. For better or worse, local governments and their attorneys have learned new ways of operating. An engineer, who is a member of a prominent firm, recently told the editor that he was doing sanitary sewer work in Kansas, where, even before the pandemic, all submissions were electronic, and all hearings were virtual. At the end of the day, the only document preserved on paper is the record set of the approved plans, which is manually signed.

New Jersey is not there yet. But two articles in this edition point the way with commentary about virtual meetings and trials.

- "Successfully Conducting Remote Municipal Land Use Public Hearings" by Frank
  Scangarella was originally submitted to the Local Government Law Review, but, with the
  help of Frank and Peter Jost, it was published first on <a href="www.nilja.org">www.nilja.org</a> in the Members Only
  Section so that our members could have it in a more timely way.
- In <u>"From Courtroom to Court Zoom--Serving Justice Virtually during Covid-19"</u>
   Steven Goodell and Linda Galella, chronicle their experiences in conducting a virtual prerogative writ trial. This article originally appeared on the Parker McKay blog

We have added two "Contributing Writers" to our masthead. Robin La Bue and Andrea Wyatt are associate attorneys at Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm, Halm & Cipriani, P.C., in Lakewood. They

help our Associate Editor, Jean Cipriani, in her work for us. We welcome this kind of participation as a path to the future of the Law Review.

The Legal Assistance Group of the Institute has been very helpful in conducting ZOOM sessions in which members present their questions about local government topics and others lend their experience to finding answers. Members are invited by an email Membership Notice. Watch for it.

Again, we encourage you to consider submitting an article that qualifies for the \$1,000 Walter T. Wittman Prize in writing. You have until September 15, 2020 to submit an article to us. We would welcome point-counterpoint articles on important positions. Several issues have been presented in a Trustees' online discussion about how to regulate billboards—whether static or electronic. An article on that subject would be welcomed. But don't wait. Please consider any other interesting topic and contact us about it by email to <a href="mailto:dunn62@optonline.net">dunn62@optonline.net</a>.

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