Midland City Mayor JoAnn Grimsley EARNS Advanced Certified Municipal Official Designation

MIDLAND CITY, ALABAMA — The City of Midland City is proud to announce that Mayor JoAnn Grimsley, CMO, has graduated as an **Advanced Certified Municipal Official (A-CMO)** through the Alabama League of Municipalities. Mayor Grimsley graduated on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, in Mobile, Alabama, after successfully completing 40 credit hours of municipal government training.

The Advanced Certified Municipal Official designation recognizes Mayor Grimsley's commitment to professional development, municipal leadership, and continued education in local government. Through this training, she has further strengthened her knowledge of municipal operations, governance, and the responsibilities associated with serving the citizens of Midland City.

Mayor Grimsley believes that effective leadership requires a commitment to learning, accountability, and staying informed about the laws, practices, and responsibilities that guide municipal government.

"This accomplishment represents my continued commitment to serving the citizens of Midland City with dedication, knowledge, and integrity. As Mayor, I believe it is important to continue learning and growing so that I can make informed decisions, support effective city operations, and work toward the continued progress of our community. I am grateful to the Alabama League of Municipalities for providing this valuable training and educational opportunity," said Mayor Grimsley.

The Alabama League of Municipalities provides educational and professional development opportunities to municipal officials throughout Alabama, helping elected leaders expand their knowledge and understanding of local government.

Mayor Grimsley's completion of the 40-hour training program reflects her dedication to strengthening her leadership skills and continuing to develop the knowledge needed to address the needs and priorities of Midland City.

The City of Midland City congratulates Mayor JoAnn Grimsley on achieving the Advanced Certified Municipal Official Designation; and recognizes her commitment to continued education and public service. She is committed to serving its residents, supporting community development, and working toward a strong and prosperous future for all citizens.

"Committed to Learning. Dedicated to Leadership. Focused on the Future of Midland City." Congratulations again to Mayor Grimsley for reaching this professional milestone!

Midland City Employee Marcella Holmes Earns Court Magistrate Certification

Professional Achievement Recognized by Mayor and City Council

MIDLAND CITY, ALABAMA – Marcella Holmes of Midland City has officially earned her Court Magistrate Certification through the Alabama Municipal Court Clerks and Magistrates Association (AMCCMA), marking an important milestone in my professional development and commitment to public service.

I've completed specialized training designed to strengthen the knowledge, skills, and understanding necessary to serve within Alabama's municipal court system. Approximately 45 magistrates participated in the certification recognition, celebrating their commitment to professional education and the responsibilities associated with municipal court service.

My accomplishment was recognized by the Mayor and the Midland City Council, acknowledging my dedication to continuing education and my efforts to expand my professional qualifications in support of the city's municipal court operations.

The certification was celebrated during the 2026 AMCCMA Annual Conference, held September 23-26, 2026, at Perdido Beach Resort. The conference brought together municipal court professionals from across Alabama for educational sessions, professional development, networking, and opportunities to share experiences and knowledge.

The conference featured vendors, promotional giveaways, and fellowship activities. Friday evening's family cookout provided an opportunity for clerks, magistrates, and their families to come together, enjoy fellowship, and celebrate their professional community. Family members participated in the festivities, and gift cards were given away during the cookout.

Another special highlight was the certification banquet, where clerks had the opportunity to invite family members to attend and share in the celebration. Families gathered to support and recognize their loved ones as they received their certifications, making the occasion even more meaningful. The banquet celebrated not only professional accomplishments but also the encouragement and support of family members throughout the educational journey.

Educational sessions include legislative updates, court administration discussions, and information provided through the Alabama Judicial College and other court professionals.

Court magistrates are an important component of the municipal justice system. Proper training and continued education help ensure that magistrates understand applicable laws, court procedures, legal responsibilities, and the importance of fairness and professionalism when serving the public.

My achievement reflects my commitment to expanding my knowledge, developing professionally, and contributing to the effective operation of local government.

For Midland City, investing in trained and knowledgeable personnel helps strengthen municipal services and supports the continued development of its court system.

My certification represents more than a professional credential; it represents dedication, continued learning, and a commitment to serving the community with integrity and professionalism.