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How long have you been a FCCMA member? 9 years.

Are you an ICMA member and if so, how long? Yes, 9 years.

Please describe your areas of formal/advanced education. I received my BA in Political Science from the University of Florida in 1999 and went on to receive my MPA from the University of South Florida in 2001. I also completed the Senior Executive Institute at UVA in 2009 as part of Leadership ICMA.

What got you interested in public service? Growing up in a City/County Manager household was the main driver, though I didn't know it until just before my graduation from the University of Florida. I had taken a public administration class my last year and discovered two things. First, nobody in the class knew anything at all about local government, especially the role of the city manager. They had federal and state government down pretty well, but local government was completely foreign to them. Second, I understood that I understood local government very well, and moreover it matched up with the moral's that I learned growing up in a family of public servants (Dad was a manager and Mom was a teacher). [\(Read more\)](#)

The Empty Key Ring Syndrome

Like some of us, I have faced a difficult time following a forced separation as city manager. I distinctly recall the morning after my forced resignation looking at my key ring. There was a house key and a car key, that's it: a symbol of lost authority and prestige. Members in Transition (MITs) are facing their job loss in varying ways. Uniform in my conversations with them is a desire to stay connected with the profession they love. They seek interim assignments as department heads or temporary project assignments. This does several things. It provides income during a difficult time, it provides a connection with peers and finally, it shows continued activity and interest on their resumes. The Range Rider Program seeks your help in identifying interim work assignments for our MITs. If you have such an assignment, please contact me at kbressner@gmail.com or at 561-436-2328. [\(Read more\)](#)

FCCMA 2014 Annual Conference Case Study Submittals - Three Weeks Left for Submittal

There are only three weeks left to submit a case study for consideration as a session at the annual

conference.

The Florida City and County Management Association invites you to participate in the 2014 FCCMA Annual Conference by submitting a case study presentation application. To ensure the best possible content for attendees of the annual conference, FCCMA is instituting a case study review and selection process. Case study applications will be accepted through August 15, 2013 and will be reviewed by a committee designated by the FCCMA Annual Conference Committee who will select presenting case studies. ([Read more](#))

FCCMA Dinner at the ICMA Annual Conference

FCCMA will hold its annual dinner at the ICMA Annual Conference in Boston at the Union Oyster House, 41 Union Street, Boston, MA 02108 on Monday, September 23. Dinner is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. The buffet dinner includes chowder, salad, choice of three entrées, homemade corn bread and coffee service. RSVPs will be necessary, as FCCMA will be guaranteeing a certain number of guests. A confirmation e-mail will be sent. ([Read more](#))

2013 Florida Ethics Conference

Want to know your responsibilities under Florida's new ethics legislation?

Don't miss the 2013 Florida Ethics Conference and Attorney General's Sunshine Summit

October 2 - 4, 2013
Orlando, FL

For more details, go to the John Scott Dailey Florida Institute of Government website at www.iog.fsu.edu. ([Read more](#))

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FCCMA Onsite Training Session

*"The Ethics of Public Administration
in the Age of Social Media"*

October 18, 2013
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Florida Gulf Coast University
(Dunk City!)

Please save the date on your calendar for this important training. ([Read more](#))

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