

## COURSE INFORMATION

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All attendees will receive  
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# Understanding Easements, Licenses, and Restrictive Covenants IN MINNESOTA



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Learn how to manage easements  
with confidence and competence.  
We'll take you through the basics,  
common issues, and beyond!



# SCHEDULE

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.  
CHECK-IN & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00 – 9:10 a.m.  
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Katie L. Wahlberg, Course Chair  
Hennepin County Examiner's Office;  
Minneapolis

9:10 – 9:55 a.m.  
**Which Is It? Easement, Restrictive Covenant or License and Why Does It Matter?**

A refresher on the purpose, use, creation, modification, and termination of easements as well as distinguishing elements of easement-like instruments, such as restrictive covenants and licenses.

- Leah E. DeGrazia  
Moss & Barnett PA; Minneapolis
- Timothy E. Lovett  
Moss & Barnett PA; Minneapolis
- Dena M. Sonbol  
Mitchell Hamline School of Law; Saint Paul

9:55 – 10:40 a.m.  
**Drafting Easements, Restrictive Covenants and Licenses – Best Practices and Annotated Forms**

A step-by-step guide to drafting easement agreements, restrictive covenants and license agreements that address both legal formalities and practical considerations, with client perspectives.

- Alyssa M. Troje  
Fredrickson & Byron, P.A.; Minneapolis

10:40 – 10:55 a.m.  
BREAK

10:55 – 11:40 a.m.  
**Valuation of Easements, Restrictive Covenants and License Agreements**

This session will explore the economic value of easements and other property restrictions for purposes of acquisition, condemnation, and more.

- Robert J. Strachota  
Shenehon Company; Minneapolis

11:40 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.  
**How to Resolve Property Disputes by Creating Easements, Restrictive Covenants and Licenses – A Scenario-Based Discussion**

This panel of experienced real estate attorneys will explore creative and effective ways for resolving boundary line and other property disputes by creating easements, restrictive covenants, and licenses.

- Matthew R. Doherty  
Brutlag, Trucke & Doherty, P.A.; Plymouth
- Marty G. Helle  
Hoersten, Johnson, Beckmann & Hovey, LLP; Austin
- Scott M. Lucas  
LeVander Gillen & Miller PA; Eagan
- Shaun D. Redford  
Redford Law PA; Edina
- Katie L. Wahlberg, moderator  
Hennepin County Examiner's Office; Minneapolis

12:40 – 1:30 p.m.  
LUNCH BREAK (on your own)

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.  
**10 Essential Minnesota Cases Construing Easements, Restrictive Covenants and Licenses**

This session will provide a brief identification and review of the principal cases in Minnesota that define, interpret, and implement the law of easements, restrictive covenants, and licenses. Learn how the courts approach these land interests and the lessons to be learned from each of the cases reviewed.

- Katherine A. Johnson  
Winthrop & Weinstine; Minneapolis
- Nicholas P. Valle  
Winthrop & Weinstine; Minneapolis

2:30 – 3:15 p.m.  
**Title Insurance Issues Regarding Easements, Restrictive Covenants and Licenses – An Underwriter's View of the Potential Issues and Claims**

This session will explore the challenges encountered when insuring properties that are encumbered by easements, restrictive covenants, and licenses. Learn the implications of the title standards and ways to resolve conflicts and future claims.

- Matthew A. Anderson  
Stewart Title Company; Minneapolis

3:15 – 3:30 p.m.  
BREAK

3:30 – 4:00 p.m.  
**The Ins and Outs of Conservation Easements**

Conservation easements are voluntary agreements through which landowners limit the use and development of their property to permanently preserve its natural or cultural features for the public benefit. Learn the ins and outs of conservation easements to determine if they are right for your clients.

- Amy M. Schwarz  
Minnesota Land Trust; Saint Paul
- Jocelyn A. Walters-Hird  
Walters-Hird Conservation Law; California

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
**Elimination of Bias: Just Deeds**

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Discriminatory covenants have been used to keep people of color from buying houses in many Minnesota neighborhoods. The result is a century of segregated communities. Through the Just Deeds project, Minnesotans can acknowledge this discrimination, discharge these covenants and build a foundation for more inclusive communities. In this presentation, Maria Cisneros and Jared Shepherd, two volunteer attorneys with Just Deeds will explain the history of restrictive covenants in Minnesota, how the discharge process works, and how their work is helping to address years of bias and discrimination in housing.

- Maria T. Cisneros  
City of Golden Valley; Golden Valley
- Jared D. Shepherd  
Campbell Knutson; Eagan

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