

**2023 Land Use Fundamentals**  
**April 19, 2023 • DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Austin • Austin, TX**  
**April 19, 2023 • Live Webcast**

**Wednesday Afternoon, Apr. 19, 2023**

**Presiding Officer:**

**Tad Holland Cleaves**, Texas Municipal League - Austin, TX

12:00 pm In Austin Only	<p><b>Registration Opens</b></p> <p>Includes light refreshments.</p>
12:30 pm	<p><b>Welcoming Remarks</b></p>
12:35 pm	<p><b>Opening Remarks on Land Use Fundamentals</b></p> <p>Tad Holland Cleaves, Texas Municipal League - Austin, TX</p>
12:45 pm 0.75 hr	<p><b>The Power of the City Limits and ETJ Authority and Development Agreements</b></p> <p>Land use control in the ETJ, DAs and the continued value of annexation.</p> <p>Chris Nichols, Wilson Cribbs &amp; Goren - Houston, TX</p>
1:30 pm 0.75 hr	<p><b>Zoning 101</b></p> <p>A foundational look at zoning in the context of development procedures and zoning fundamentals such as how to make a zoning decision, and how zoning interacts with the comprehensive plan.</p> <p>Brenda N. McDonald, Messer, Fort &amp; McDonald - Frisco, TX</p>
2:15 pm 0.75 hr	<p><b>Subdivisions: What you Need to Know in the Context of the Current Application</b></p> <p>This session looks at what's on a subdivision plat and why, what can be required in the way of exactions, and how fast it has to get done.</p> <p>Kimberley Mickelson, City of Houston Legal Department - Houston, TX</p>
3:00 pm	<p><b>15-Minute Break</b></p>
3:15 pm 0.75 hr	<p><b>Site Planning and Other Commercial Development Issues</b></p> <p>An overview of the basics for site plan review, approval or denial from the legal, planning and engineering perspective.</p> <p>Laton P Carr, City Of Round Rock - Round Rock, TX          Joseph J. Gorfida Jr., Nichols, Jackson, Dillard, Hager &amp; Smith L.L.P. - Dallas, TX</p>

4:00 pm  
0.50 hr

**PUDs/PDDs, SUPs, and Zoning Variances**

This session explores the basics of Planned Developments (PD/PDD's), Special Use/Conditional Use Permits (SUP/CUP's), and Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) variances. Through some brief summaries and real examples, learn the general legal framework for using each of these tools, the differences between them, and some best practices."

Bryn Meredith, Taylor, Olson, Adkins, Sralla & Elam, LLP - Fort Worth, TX  
Abra Nusser, Peloton Land Solutions - Dallas, TX

4:30 pm  
0.50 hr ethics

**Ethical Considerations in Land Use**

Common ethical challenges that arise in the permit process, negotiation of development deals, and code enforcement.

Alan J. Bojorquez, Bojorquez Law Firm, PC - Austin, TX

5:00 pm  
0.75 hr

**What Have We Missed Panel?**

Moderator:

Tad Holland Cleaves, Texas Municipal League - Austin, TX

Panelists:

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