

2015 Land Use Fundamentals

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Wednesday Afternoon, Mar. 25, 2015

Presiding Officer:

Kathryn A. Lumpkin, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP - Austin, TX

1:15 pm	Registration Opens Includes light refreshments.
1:50 pm	Welcoming Remarks
2:00 pm 0.75 hr	Zoning Law and Theory Zoning is the fundamental land use regulation used by cities to implement their planning policies. As such, zoning concerns technical planning and legal issues to assure compliance with a city's comprehensive plan. Gain insight into the foundation for zoning, its structure, the players, and the process. William S. Dahlstrom, Jackson Walker L.L.P. - Dallas, TX
2:45 pm 0.50 hr	Zoning on the Ground Zoning regulations apply to land use, urban design and the physical development requirements of property. Comprehensive regulations also address procedures for entitlement and the protection of existing rights. Learn the fundamentals of zoning and gain tips for creating flexible zoning tools in response to innovative urban trends. William S. Dahlstrom, Jackson Walker L.L.P. - Dallas, TX E. Scott Polikov, Gateway Planning Group, Inc. - Dallas, TX
3:15 pm 0.50 hr	Platting 101 This basic building block for land use regulation is explained and contrasted with zoning. Practical pointers are included to help practitioners on both sides of the aisle understand the platting process and avoid legal pitfalls. Reid C. Wilson, Wilson, Cribbs & Goren, P.C. - Houston, TX
3:45 pm	Break
4:00 pm 0.50 hr	Signs of the Times: Regulation Fundamentals and Cases of Interest Gain insight into fundamental regulation concepts and take a look at recent cases of interest that affect sign regulation. Christopher L. Nichols, Randle Law Office Ltd., L.L.P. - Houston, TX

4:30 pm 0.50 hr	Chapter 245 Basics An introduction to vested rights, including how permits are processed under Chapter 245 of the Texas Local Government Code, when permits expire and become dormant, and relevant cases and statutes that impact Chapter 245. Alan J. Bojorquez, Bojorquez Law Firm, PC - Austin, TX
5:00 pm 0.75 hr	Economic Development Toolbox in Texas: An Overview An overview of the array of development incentives available in Texas, including how such incentives can best be combined to enhance their effectiveness. Ignacio Perez, Bojorquez Law Firm, PC - Austin, TX Allison J. H. Thompson, City of Cedar Hill - Cedar Hill, TX
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