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5 REASONS... You Won't Want To Miss This Seminar!

1. You'll review land use laws and procedures.
2. You'll learn about eminent domain and condemnation law.
3. You'll get tips on appearing as a witness in a civil case.
4. You'll study environmental land regulation.
5. You'll learn about liability and ethical issues for civil engineers.

Legal Issues for Texas Civil Engineers

A one day program for experienced civil engineers where you'll:

- ▶ **Examine** land use regulations and procedures
- ▶ **Learn** about appearing as a witness in a civil case
- ▶ **Review** eminent domain and condemnation law
- ▶ **Study** environmental land regulation
- ▶ **Learn** about civil engineering liability
- ▶ **Review** ethical issues for civil engineers

Houston, TX
Thursday, July 19, 2007

7.5 PDHs, Including 1.0 Ethics Hour for
Texas Professional Engineers.
(See inside for details.)



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SEMINAR AGENDA

Land Use Law

R. Wilson

- ▶ Understanding land use law
 - Governmental power and authority to zone
 - Governmental bodies with the power to zone
 - Comprehensive land use planning
- ▶ Finding existing land use laws and regulations
- ▶ Seeking zoning variances or rezoning
- ▶ Participating in zoning administrative appeals
- ▶ Participating in land use litigation

Appearing as a Witness in a Civil case

H. F. Cook

- ▶ Types of testimony
- ▶ Offering expert testimony
- ▶ Acting as an expert witness
- ▶ Giving a deposition
- ▶ Taking the stand

Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law

H. D. Montague

- ▶ Understanding eminent domain powers
 - Source of eminent domain powers
 - History of the exercise of eminent domain powers
 - Types of eminent domain "takings"
- ▶ Participating in the condemnation process
- ▶ Appealing a condemnation decision
- ▶ Understanding regulatory "takings" and inverse condemnation

Environmental Land Regulation

T. Fischer

- ▶ Understanding natural resource protection laws
- ▶ Understanding the law of site contamination

Civil Engineering Liability

D. Norris

- ▶ Understanding civil engineer's duties and obligations
- ▶ Identifying to whom the engineer owes a duty
- ▶ Complying with the standard of care
- ▶ Reviewing common defenses to liability
- ▶ Participating in the liability claims process and in liability litigation

Ethical Issues for Civil Engineers

K. Williams

- ▶ Examining Texas rules of professional conduct and ethics
- ▶ Applying the rules to civil engineering practice

SEMINAR FACULTY

Reid C. Wilson is a shareholder with Wilson, Cribbs & Goren, P.C., in Houston, where he concentrates his practice in commercial real estate law and land use law, including zoning, platting and government land use regulation. Mr. Wilson has a J.D. degree from the University of Texas Law School. He has been Board Certified in Commercial Real Estate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization since 1986. Mr. Wilson is the founder and head of the Houston Bar Association Pro Bono Deed Restrictions Project. He has been named a Texas Super Lawyer by *Law & Politics/Texas Monthly Magazine* since the inception of the designation in 2003.

H. Fred Cook is a shareholder with Wilson, Cribbs and Goren, P.C., in Houston. Mr. Cook's practice focuses on all aspects of commercial litigation, including real estate, construction, surety and lending law. He is certified as a mediator through the Attorney Mediators Institute. Mr. Cook is a member of the Houston and Texas bar associations. He is admitted to practice in the Southern, Northern, Eastern and Western Districts of Texas. Mr. Cook received an A.B. degree, *magna cum laude*, from Wabash College and a J.D. degree from Vanderbilt University.

H. Dixon Montague is a partner with the law firm of Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. in its Houston office, where he practices in the litigation section. Mr. Montague heads the firm's condemnation and land use trial practice. Mr. Montague is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2005-2006 edition, as one of the best lawyers in business litigation and real estate law and as a Texas Super Lawyer for 2006 by *Law & Politics/Texas Monthly Magazine*. He is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates, The American Trial Lawyers Association, the American Bar Association and the State Bar of Texas. Mr. Montague has a B.A. degree from Tulane University and a J.D. degree from the University of Mississippi.

Trè Fischer is an environmental attorney with the Houston-based litigation firm of Connelly•Baker•Maston•Wotring•Jackson, LLP. Mr. Fischer has broad experience with environmental liabilities and contaminated properties; the management, litigation and resolution of environmental issues against regulatory agencies and private parties; transaction structuring, negotiation, and documentation, including extensive experience with the application and negotiation of environmental insurance policies and other risk management tools to transactions involving contaminated properties and environmental risk transfer; and Brownfield redevelopment. He also has experience in the investigation and litigation resulting from catastrophic explosions and in a wide-range of significant personal injury, toxic tort, and commercial litigation for corporate, individual, and insurance clients. He has developed, implemented, and managed environmental, health, and safety audit programs; and he has trial and appellate experience in both state and federal courts. Mr. Fischer obtained his undergraduate degree from Rice University and his law degree, *magna cum laude*, from the University of Houston.

Debra B. Norris is a director of her own firm, Debra B. Norris, P.C., in Houston. Ms. Norris combines her engineering and legal backgrounds in a technically-oriented practice, with a special focus on construction law and commercial litigation. She received a B.A. degree in physics, *cum laude*, from Centenary College in 1984, a B.S.E.E. degree *magna cum laude* from Louisiana Tech University in 1984 and a J.D. degree from the University of Texas School of Law in 1998. For 10 years, Ms. Norris worked as an engineer designing, automating and building plants in the oil, gas and chemical industries. She now represents owners, contractors, suppliers and design professionals in the construction industry. Ms. Norris teaches construction law as an adjunct professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Houston.

SEMINAR FACULTY continued

Kerry C. Williams is a shareholder with Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Martin in Houston. Mr. Williams focuses his practice on construction, engineering, international legal issues, and oil and gas transactions. He is a registered professional engineer (civil/structural) in Texas. Mr. Williams' clients include oil and gas operators, engineering firms and contractors/service providers for the oil and gas industry. Since 2001 he has been the legal editorial writer for the Texas Society of Professional Engineers, writing "The Legal Corner" in *The Texas Professional Engineer*. Mr. Williams is an arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association - Construction Panel.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

► **Tuition:** \$239.00 for one, or \$219.00 each for 3 or more from the same company or firm registering at the same time. Please make check payable to **HalfMoon LLC**. Each registration includes one copy of *Legal Issues for Texas Civil Engineers*. **Pre-registration is recommended.** *Walk-in registrations will be accepted at the program if space is available.*

► **Send Registrations to:** HMS, P.O. Box 268, Eau Claire, WI 54702-0268. You may also register via fax at 715-835-6066, over the phone at 715-835-5900, or online at www.halfmoonseminars.com. **We do not send confirmations.** You will be contacted if any scheduling changes occur.

► **Date:** **Thursday, July 19, 2007**

► **Location:** Holiday Inn-Galleria • (713) 961-1640
3131 West Loop South, Houston, TX 77027
(Call the Holiday Inn-Galleria or HalfMoon LLC for directions.)

► **Schedule:** Registration 7:30 - 8:00 a.m.
Morning Session 8:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Lunch 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. (*On your own.*)
Afternoon Session 1:15 - 5:00 p.m.

► **Continuing Education Credit:** This program is designed to qualify for 7.5 PDHs, including 1.0 ethics hour, for Texas professional engineers. The Texas Board of Professional Engineers does not pre-approve continuing education activities, but it holds final authority over the PDHs claimed by registrants. This program may qualify for continuing education credits in other states of licensure. Please refer to specific state rules or contact HalfMoon Seminars for more information. Please email inquiries to doug@halfmoonseminars.com or call HalfMoon at 715-835-5900.

► **Cancellations:** If your schedule changes and you contact us **at least 48 hours** before the start of the seminar (CDT), we will offer you a full tuition refund, minus a \$10.00 service charge for each registrant. If you contact us after that time, we will offer you a credit toward another seminar, or a credit toward the CD/manual package. *If you desire, you may send another person to take your place at the seminar.*

► **CD/Manual Package:** A full recording of the seminar is available for \$249.00, which includes shipping and handling. Please allow five weeks from the seminar date for delivery.

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- Houston, TX** - Thursday, July 19, 2007.
\$239.00 for one or \$219.00 each for 3 or more from the same firm. (*Includes Manual*)
- CD/Manual Package**, \$249.00, including shipping and handling.
- Manual only**, \$56.00, including shipping and handling.

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