



Quiet Cannon Country Club

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### **Benefits of Attending:**

- Increase Your Expertise
- Improve Your Agency's Program  $\checkmark$
- Expedite Project Delivery
- Improve Compliance with Funding Sources
- Avoid Legal Pitfalls
- Meet Right-of-Way Industry Leaders
- Network with Colleagues, Clients, Consultants.
- Earn CE and Maintain Your Professional Credentials



## January 31, 2017







**Program Schedule** 

**Focusing on Critical Path:** 

## **Relocation Assistance Issues in Federally Funded Projects**

"Beyond the Basics - What Every Public Agency and Right-of-Way Delivery Manager Should Understand"

11:30 – 12:00	Registration & Networking		
12:00 - 01:15	Lunch (included with registration fee)		
SPEAKERS & TOPICS			
12:15 – 01:15	Legal and Ethical Framework for Advanced Business Relocation Darryl Root, JD, MBA, R/W-RAC, Program Manager, Overland Pacific & Cutler, Inc.	<u>.</u>	
Luncheon Topic Followed by 15 minute break	Darryl will provide an overview of regulatory requirements and explore ethical challenges and how they impact day-to-day practice in the field. Recent trends in Relocation Assistance will also be explored along with discretionary tools and solutions to ethical challenges.		
1:30 - 2:30	Appraisal-Acquisition-Relocation Cross Cutting Issues Karen Eddleman, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, Vice President, AR/WS		
Followed by 15 minute break	Karen will discuss aspects of advanced Business Relocation, such as relationships between Appraisal, Acquisition & Relocation functions, and will present principles, rules and regulations, including relevant citations which can be immediately applied to your agency's policies, procedures, and specific cases. Karen will cover how to address <i>Improvements Pertaining to Realty</i> and <i>Tenant-Owned Improvements</i> .		
2:45 – 3:45	Transforming and Connecting California with High-Speed Rail Don Grebe, Deputy Director of Real Property, California High-Speed Rail Authority		
Followed by 15 minute break	The initial stretch of the nation's first high-speed rail system will impact about 1,700 properties. Don Grebe is on the front lines of the right of way process. Join Don as he gives an update on high-speed rail's progress and explains the monumental task of relocating hundreds of homes and businesses.	<b>/</b>	
4:00 - 5:00	Overview of Relevant Court Cases – Roundtable Discussion Speaker Panel:		
	<b>Gary Kovacic, Esq</b> ., Sullivan, Workman & Dee, LLP <b>Jamey Wyman, Esq.,</b> Best Best & Krieger LLP		
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#### **SPEAKERS:**

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM

#### Legal and Ethical Framework for Relocation Assistance

Darryl Root, JD, MBA, R/W-RAC, Program Manager Overland Pacific & Cutler, Inc.

Darryl Root is currently a Program Manager for Overland, Pacific and Cutler, Inc. in Southern California. Among other projects, he is managing a number of commercial relocation cases for the California High Speed Rail Project, one of the largest public works projects in the country. Some of the cases he manages are among the most complex in the country. His career in the Right-of-Way industry spans over 25 years with both public and private entities. Darryl has managed Right-of-Way projects, including several design-build projects, throughout the nation. Darryl specializes in large business relocation cases. He has served on the *International Relocation Assistance Committee* and later Chaired the *International Relocation Community of Practice*, where he remains an active contributor. He was recently named the *Region 1 Professional of the Year for 2015* and is *President of IRWA Chapter 1* in Los Angeles. He is also a frequent contributor to the <u>Right-of-Way Magazine</u>.

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

#### **Appraisal-Acquisition-Relocation Cross Cutting Issues**

#### Karen Eddleman, SR/WA, R/W-RAC

Vice President Associated Right of Way Services, Inc.

Karen is Vice President with Associated Right of Way Services, Inc., a right of way consulting firm based in the San Francisco Bay Area. Ms. Eddleman has been providing relocation consulting services to public agencies and non-profit organizations throughout California for over 20 years. She has managed the relocation efforts for many federally funded transportation projects in recent years which have impacted a wide spectrum of housing types and complicated businesses. Ms. Eddleman is a past president of IR/WA Chapter 2 and serves on its Relocation Committee. Ms. Eddleman is a CLIMB certified instructor for the IR/WA. She has also had the privilege of serving as a Special Master to implement relocation settlements.

#### 2:45 PM – 3:45 PM Transforming and Connecting California with High-Speed Rail

#### Don Grebe

Deputy Director of Real Property California High-Speed Rail Authority

Don Grebe is the Deputy Director of Real Property for the California High-Speed Rail Authority. Don is responsible for all aspects of property acquisition and the right-of-way process, which includes appraising, acquiring and relocating businesses and residences impacted by the Authority's high-speed rail project. He oversees a staff of experienced Right-of-Way agents, Real Property reviewers and contract managers that work for the State of California. Don also supervises over 200 right-of-way consultants working in the field.

Prior to joining the Authority, he spent more than 30 years at California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) doing right-of-way work in both metropolitan and rural districts. Most recently, he was the Right-of-Way Headquarters Office Chief at Caltrans overseeing policy and procedures in the areas of acquisition, condemnation, relocation assistance, railroad agreements, federal and state land transfers, hardship and protection and certification. He also served as an Appraiser and Acquisition agent, and a Senior Right-of-Way agent in the areas of right-of-way planning and management as well as project delivery and coordination. He is also an ex officio member of the Caltrans Real Property Law Committee.







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#### **SPEAKERS** (continued)

#### Overview of Relevant Legal Cases (4:00 PM - 5:00 PM)

#### Gary Kovacic, Esq. Senior Partner

Sullivan, Workman & Dee, LLP

Mr. Kovacic concentrates his law practice in the areas of eminent domain, land use, and zoning litigation. His eminent domain practice includes well over 500 cases for clients that range from Fortune 500 companies to family businesses; from owners of shopping centers, hotels, farms, golf courses, and large tracts of land to tenants of small commercial parcels. Mr. Kovacic recently completed 18 years on the Arcadia City Council including six terms as mayor.

Mr. Kovacic has been a licensed California attorney since 1976 and a partner in the firm since 1981. In addition to the California State Bar, Mr. Kovacic has been admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court (Central, Eastern, and Southern Districts of California), U.S. Court of Appeals (Ninth Circuit), and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Mr. Kovacic obtained his undergraduate degree in history cum laude from UCLA and his juris doctor, cum laude, from Southwestern University School of Law, where he was a note and comment editor for the law review. Mr. Kovacic taught real property law as an adjunct professor at the University of La Verne College of Law and has served as a guest lecturer on eminent domain law at both the University of Law Verne College of Law and Southwestern University School of Law. From 1990-1992, Mr. Kovacic chaired the Los Angeles County Bar Association Eminent Domain and Land Valuation Committee. He has also been a featured speaker at the American Planning Association Zoning Institute, American Planning Association National Planning Conference, CLE International Regulatory Takings Conference, Appraisal Institute, and International Right of Way Association Annual Valuation Seminar. In addition to his speaking engagements, Mr. Kovacic has co-chaired the CLE International Annual Eminent Domain Conference in Southern California since 2003. He has also been a contributing author for Nichols on Eminent Domain, the nation's leading treatise on eminent domain law. He also serves on the boards of several non-profit organizations. (more info: <a href="https://www.eminentdomain-law.com/gary-a-kovacic">www.eminentdomain-law.com/gary-a-kovacic</a>)

#### Jamey Wyman, Esq., Associate

#### Best, Best & Krieger, LLP

Jamey Wyman advises clients with right-of-way acquisition, project delivery and litigation as an associate in Best Best & Krieger LLP's Special Districts, Litigation and Environmental and Natural Resources practice groups. Over his career, Jamey has worked on various aspects of major public infrastructure projects throughout the state, including the Prunedale Improvement Project (Monterey County), Presidio Parkway Project (San Francisco County) and 91 Corridor Improvement Project (Riverside County). Included in his experience is real property valuation of industrial, commercial and residential property and entitlement to and valuation of loss of business goodwill.

Prior to joining BB&K, Jamey was a deputy attorney for the California Department of Transportation, where he provided general counsel advice and litigation services. While at Caltrans, his practice included eminent domain, inverse condemnation, project delivery, real property rights analysis, negotiating government-to-government agreements for Caltrans' Doyle Drive/Presidio Parkway, CEQA, endangered species, Coastal Act compliance and Section 4(f) analysis.

Zakia Kator, Esq., Senior Associate Meyers Nave, LLP

Zakia Kator is admitted to practice in all Courts of the State of California and is a vital member of the firm's Eminent Domain and Inverse Condemnation Practice Group. Before joining Meyers Nave Zakia litigated on behalf of clients in a wide range of diverse and complex eminent domain and inverse condemnation matters, including precondemnation damages, severance damages, loss of business goodwill, lease bonus value, eligibility and entitlement to relocation benefits and related issues.

Zakia also has experience in utility relocations related to public project, trespass and quiet title actions with respect to land owned by public agencies, as well as business litigation and related issues. Zakia was also involved in providing counseling and advice on environmental law, water law and related matters. Prior to attending law school, Zakia was a wireless engineer with a cellular carrier and is also a registered Patent Agent with the US Patent and Trademark Office.







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