Hot Topics in Land Disputes

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Determining Land Boundaries
Obtaining and interpreting land descriptions
• Understanding different types of legal descriptions
Understanding principles of boundary location
• Collecting and evaluating all types of boundary evidence: documents, physical evidence, people, surveys
• Locating the described land on a map
• Locating the described land on the ground
• Resolving boundary disputes

Locating and Understanding Easements
Understanding the legal nature of easements
• Common law of easements
• Easements in gross, easements appurtenant, prescriptive easements

Utility condemnation law
Understanding private easements
• Written easements, easements by necessity,
Easements by use
• Creation, duration and location of easement
Understanding utility easements
• State and Federal regulations
• Types of utility easements

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Locating and Understanding Easements and Rights of Way
Understanding the legal nature of easements
• Common law of easements
• Easements in gross, easements appurtenant, prescriptive easements

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Understanding Riparian and Water Rights
History and development of riparian rights
Determining rights to surface and groundwater
Overview of regulations regarding use of surface water and groundwater

Understanding Adverse Possession
The history of adverse possession
Statutory law
Case law on adverse possession
Maintaining a claim for adverse possession
• Statute of limitations
• Elements of a claim
Defending against a claim for adverse possession

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Explore principles of boundary location and land description.
Learn about private easements and utility rights-of-
way.
Review rights to surface and groundwater, and
review regulations regarding water use.
Define adverse possession case law and the adverse
possession claims process.
Discuss methods of resolving land disputes.

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