Laws for Texas Architects
Houston, TX - Thursday, April 23, 2020

Comply with rules and regulations on the practice of architecture

Gain a better understanding of contract law

Understand the law of architectural copyright

Learn how to comply with barrier-free requirements

Discuss ethical issues in sustainable design

Continuing Education Credits
Texas Architects
6.5 HSW CEPHs
1.0 Sustainable Design Hour
1.0 Barrier-Free Hour
6.5 AIA LU|HSW

Learning Objectives

You’ll be able to:

Comply with rules and regulations on the practice of architecture in Texas.

Meet the barrier-free requirements of the ADA, the Texas Accessibility Standards, and the Fair Housing Accessibility Guidelines.

Comply with environmental regulations on wetlands, floodplains, critical areas and endangered species.

Avoid ‘greenwashing’ and other ethical issues on sustainable construction projects.

Understand contract law basics.

Discuss the benefits of architectural copyrights.

Agenda

Complying with the Rules and Regulations on the Practice of Architecture
J. Hardy

Understanding the Law of Architectural Copyright
K. Hubbard

Complying with Barrier-Free Requirements:
A. Huszka

Overview of Contract Law for Architects
O. Banks

Environmental Compliance Overview for Architects
M. Dobbins

Ethical Issues in Sustainable Design:
L. Volastro

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Jessica Hardy
Senior Attorney at Macdonald Devlin

Ms. Hardy represents architects, engineers, and other design professionals as a senior attorney at Macdonald Devlin. Holding a degree in Architecture as well as a J.D. degree, she is uniquely positioned to help those in the construction and design industries protect their interests, minimize their risks, and achieve their goals. Focusing her practice on construction litigation, Ms. Hardy's background and professional experience in architecture includes working on numerous multimillion dollar projects for multi-family, retail, office, mixed-use, industrial and institutional clients. She received her Bachelor of Architecture degree from Auburn University, and earned her law degree from the University of Alabama School of Law.

Krish Hubbard
Attorney at Cooks Young

Ms. Hubbard is an attorney in the Houston office of Cooks Young where she focuses on intellectual property, contract, and business litigation. Ms. Hubbard has experience representing large business entities, start-up companies, and individuals in complex business disputes, intellectual property, and construction matters in both state and federal courts. She also has extensive experience successfully prosecuting trademarks with the USPTO and registering copyrights with the United States Copyright Office. Ms. Hubbard has also represented clients in patent and trade secret infringement cases and contract negotiations involving claims to and use of architectural plans. She earned a bachelor of science degree from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles and graduated cum laude from the University of San Diego School of Law, where she served as senior associate in the San Diego Journal of Climate and Energy Law.

Attilla Huszka
Principal of Stavrinides

Mr. Huszka has been responsible for expert witness consultation, construction document review, and assessment and inspection of buildings and facilities for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Fair Housing Act, the Texas Architectural Barriers Act, and related federal and state codes for thousands of projects across the state. Some of his clients have included the Mississippi Bureau of Buildings, Grounds and Real Property Management; the Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority; the Houston Independent School District, Reliant Center (NRG Stadium), Hilton; and Macy's, Inc.

Seminar Information

Sheraton Suites Houston
Near the Galleria
2400 West Loop South
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How to Register

• Visit us online at www.halfmoonseminars.org
• Mail-in or fax the attached form to 715-835-6066
• Call customer service at 715-835-5900

Registration

8:00 - 8:30 am
Registration
8:30 am - 12:00 pm
Lunch (On your own)
12:00 - 1:00 pm
Afternoon Session
1:00 - 4:30 pm

Tuition

$299 for individual registration
$279 for three or more registrants from the same company at the same time.

Additional Learning Options

Continuing Education Credit Information
This seminar meets the criteria for 6.5 HSW CEs/HSWs, including 1.0 Sustainable Design hour and 1.0 Barrier-Free hour, to architects in Texas. Educators and courses are not subject to approval in Texas.

The American Planning Association of Architects Continuing Education System has approved this event for 6.5 LU|HSW Units (Sponsor No. J885). Visit www.halfmoonseminars.org to view complete AIA information under this course listing. Only full attendance is reportable to the AIA/CEP.

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Attendance will be monitored, and attendance certificates will be available after the seminar for most individuals who complete the entire event. Attendance certificates not available at the seminar will be mailed to participants within fifteen business days.

Olaide Banks
Principal Attorney at Olaide A. Banks Law

Mr. Banks is the principal attorney at Olaide A. Banks & Associates, PLLC, a Houston-based law firm focused on meeting the needs of government and construction contractors throughout Texas. He is a trusted advisor for licensed professionals, CEOs and managers in construction firms, and government contractors. Mr. Banks was licensed as a CPA in 2007 and has over 20 years of experience as a CPA and CFO for successful government contractors. Mr. Banks is a sought after speaker in the areas of construction law, federal contract law, and contracts. He earned his B.B. degree with a double major in Accounting and Finance from the Bauer College of Business at the University of Houston, and secured his J.D. degree from South Texas College of Law. Mr. Banks is a member of the State Bar of Texas; the Association of Corporate Counsel and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). Mr. Banks is a member of the Construction Law Section of the State Bar of Texas.

Matthew Dobbins
Partner/Attorney at Vinson & Elkins

Mr. Dobbins’ practice focuses on complex regulatory counseling for major industrial and infrastructure projects, site remediation and redevelopment, environmental litigation, and climate change issues. He routinely advises private equity groups and financial institutions on mitigating environmental risks arising from their transactions. He frequently directs compliance audits and advises clients on compliance with federal and state air, water, waste, remediation, and pipeline safety requirements. Mr. Dobbins has extensive experience advising clients on federal waste management regulations and state beneficial reuse requirements, including advising on industrial wastewater management, recycling, and reuse.

Lauren Valastro
Partner/Attorney at Diamond McCarthy

Ms. Valastro is a partner at Diamond McCarthy’s Houston office. Her practice focuses on complex domestic and international commercial, energy, and environmental litigation matters. Ms. Valastro’s docket includes contracts, insurance, indemnification, liquidations, greenwashing, and fraud. In addition to representation of diverse corporate clients across international transactions, the sate of Texas, she also has a broad range of environmental experience including litigation concerning the remediation and restoration of contamination and injuries. Ms. Valastro has argued in the United States Second Circuit Court of Appeals and has represented clients before various state appellate courts. Ms. Valastro graduated in her college class from Texas Tech University, summa cum laude, with a B.A. degree in Spanish and Political Science and received her J.D. degree, magna cum laude, from Texas Tech University School of Law.

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Fri., March 13, 2020, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM CDT

IRC Energy Efficiency and Building Systems
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