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.

Comply with rules and regulations on the practice of architecture

Defining the practice of architecture

Determining for what projects an architect is required

Complying with requirements for design firms

Proper use of the architectural seal

Exercising proper supervision and control

Preventing the unauthorized practice of architecture

Understanding the Law of Architectural Copyright

Determining what information is copyrightable

Understanding the benefits of architectural copyright

Preserving your copyrights and preventing infringement of others’ copyrights

Complying with Barrier-Free Requirements:

Determining Which Code Applies to Your Project

Determining which accessibility code applies to your project:

• Americans with Disabilities Act Standards for Accessible Design

• Texas Accessibility Standards

• Fair Housing Accessibility Guidelines

• Building codes

Accessibility challenges

Overview of Contract Law for Architects

Understanding the basics of contract law

Standard forms of agreement

Negotiating contract terms

Contract documents and formation

Scope of services and changes

Risk allocation provisions

Making changes to contracts

Environmental Compliance Overview for Architects

Accommodating natural resource protection laws

– wetlands, critical areas, flood plains, endangered species, etc.

Accommodating existing site contamination in design

– including soil and groundwater contaminants, asbestos or lead in existing structures

Managing materials generated by construction, including excavated soils

Use of virgin or recycled materials for fill

Management of contaminated soils

Ethical Issues in Sustainable Design:

Understanding and Preventing Greenwashing

Using criteria to identify sustainable products and processes

Using criteria to identify greeningwashing

Anti-greenwashing initiatives: Federal Trade Commission

Evaluating greeningwashing case studies

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:

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Ms. Hubbard is an attorney in the Houston office of Coskun 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 general contractors in litigation regarding cases and contract negotiations involving claims to 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 to the San Diego Journal of Climate and Energy Law.

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Mr. Banks is the principal attorney at Olaide A. Banks & Associates, PLLC, a Houston based law firm focused on meeting the needs of government contractors and construction contractors throughout Texas. He is an advisor to companies on state and federal legislation. Mr. Banks was licensed as a CPA in 2005 and is one of the leaders of his firm's construction group. His practice emphasizes advising on federal and state laws and contracts, and advising clients on compliance with federal and state laws. He is a member of the Construction Law Section of the State Bar of Texas.

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Mr. Dobbs’ 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 transactions. He also frequently drafts government contracts and compliance agreements and assists clients on regulatory matters.

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Ms. Valastro is a partner at Diamond McCarthy’s Houston office. Her practice focuses on complex domestic and international energy, and environmental litigation matters. Ms. Valastro’s practice includes contracts, insurance, indemnification, liquidations, greenwashing, and fraud. In addition to representation of diverse corporate clients across the globe, she also has a broad range of environmental experience including litigation concerning the remediation and restoration of contaminated entities, cost-coupons, and harm actions, and the assessment and recovery of natural resource injuries and damages. Ms. Valastro has also argued in the United States Second Circuit Court of Appeals and has represented clients before various state appellate courts. Ms. Valastro graduated first in her college class from Texas Tech University, summa cum laude with honors, 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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