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February 2017

President's Message

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Thank you to all those who attended our January lunch to hear John Ellis, MAI give us his view on what to expect in the next year. This month, we are pleased to feature my colleague, Bernadette Duran-Brown and John Cosper of OPC discuss parcel mitigation strategies. I hope you can all make it.

Coming up in March, Artemis, Kirsten and I will be heading to Sacramento for the Region 1 Spring forum. If there are any issues you'd like us to raise, please be sure to let one of us know. The forums are a great way for chapter leaders to connect and share ideas and resources. Speaking of leadership, I again make a call for you to consider joining the board of our Chapter. Not only is it a great way to increase your visibility among your network, but you get the opportunity to work with the great folks who are already part of the leadership team. I am so grateful for the professional and personal relationships I have developed through IRWA over the years. It will soon be time to put together our board for next year and I hope to see some new faces. There really is something for everyone.

In case you've been hiding under a rock or in a cave or some other place where you can't get my emails, this is a reminder that Chapter 67 is hosting a Utility Relocation Seminar & Mock Trial on March 14, 2017. This will be a great event with some incredible speakers, including several familiar faces. If you have not done so already, please be sure to register today. A special thanks to our incredible seminar team: Kirsten Bowman, Joe Munsey, Rudy Romo, Amanda Fitch.

Got Coffee? How about dessert? I know many of you miss having coffee served with our lunches. Rather than pass the recent lunch price increase on to our members, the Board decided to skip the coffee. But in response to the public outcry, we will be bringing coffee back (and keeping dessert.) We are hoping that we can offset the cost by asking our generous members and their companies to consider sponsoring coffee and/or dessert. For a small donation, your company will be highlighted as our coffee/dessert sponsor and be recognized at our lunches. If you are interested, please contact me. And thank you in advance to our generous partners.

I look forward to seeing you all on February 14th.

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Welcome readers back for the February edition of our newsletter.

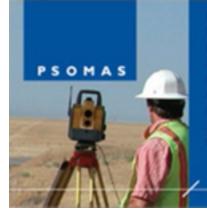
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Upcoming Events

February 14th Luncheon

Topic: Parcel Mitigation Strategies. **Speakers:** Bernadette Duran-Brown and John Cosper

Residential Relocation Assistance Course 501

Date: February 23, 2017 **Location:** City of Irvine, Civic Center Plaza (details below)

Utility Relocation Seminar & Mock Trial

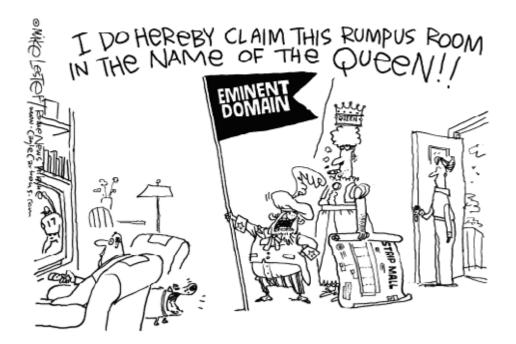
Date: March 14, 2017 **Location:** Holiday Inn OC Airport, Santa Ana (details below)

Managing the Consultant Process Course 303

Date: March 16-17, 2017 **Location:** Metro Los Angeles One Gateway Plaza (<u>click for details</u>)

Advanced Residential Relocation Assistance Course 505

Date: May 17, 2017 **Location:** City of Irvine, Civic Center Plaza (details below)



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Antitrust Claims: A Novel Line of Attack by Groups Opposing Natural Gas Infrastructure Projects

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The Sierra Club and other environmental groups have made little secret of their opposition to the continuing use of fossil fuels, and to the development of infrastructure to support that use. A new wrinkle in their multifront attack on fossil fuel-related projects can be seen in a series of recent filings with federal regulatory agencies asserting that two natural gas pipeline projects violate the antitrust laws. Although styled as "complaints," the filings do not initiate an adjudicatory proceeding in the usual sense of a complaint, but rather appear to be requests for enforcement or competition advocacy actions by federal antitrust agencies. The challenged projects are joint ventures of energy utility companies, and the natural gas supplied by each will serve their respective natural gas or electricity retail distribution affiliates. The claims that this structure is anticompetitive are novel, and face substantial obstacles under established antitrust law.

Overview of the Antitrust Claims

The recent antitrust challenges to pipeline projects first surfaced with respect to the Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP) project, which includes 600 miles of new pipeline, three compressor stations, and related facilities across West Virginia, Virginia, and North Carolina. ACP is owned by subsidiaries of four utility companies, affiliates of which will purchase some of the gas supplied by the pipeline. Sierra Club argues that this structure is anticompetitive because it will stifle the development of renewable energy alternatives for use in generating electricity and limit ACP's incentive to complete the project efficiently, thereby unnecessarily increasing costs for retail customers.

Sierra Club has also asserted an antitrust theory against the NEXUS project, which involves the construction of 256 miles of new pipeline, four compressor stations, and related facilities across Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Michigan, and Ontario. NEXUS is a joint venture between two utility companies. Sierra Club claims that one of the companies is monopolizing electricity generation because its natural gas supply will be sourced from the NEXUS project, the cost of which it can then pass on to its Michigan retail customers through its pre-existing regulated monopoly over a segment of the retail market. Sierra Club also argues that the project is anticompetitive because it is more costly than other alternatives for supplying increased energy demand.

The Theories Asserted Face Significant Challenges Under Established Antitrust Principles

The antitrust laws impose specific requirements designed to assure that claims truly assert harm to competi-

tion in a well defined market. It is not sufficient to make assertions of harm to the interests of a specific market participant, or to a policy goal unrelated to the goals of the antitrust laws to encourage free and fair competition and the generally resulting lower prices and increased output(i). A full antitrust analysis would exceed the bounds of this alert, but a few initial observations can be made.

First, many of the antitrust arguments Sierra Club advances are based on the assertion that these pipeline projects do not make economic sense, and that the utilities must therefore have some separate anticompetitive motive. However, there are numerous other pipelines under construction in the same general geographic area, as might be expected given the boom in natural gas production over the last decade. This suggests both that there is a good economic case for construction of new natural gas transportation capacity, and that control of a single pipeline would not allow its owners to control any properly defined market. Antitrust agencies and courts will not second guess reasonable business decisions being made in the marketplace(ii).

Second, in claims such as these, antitrust complainants are required to identify some relevant antitrust market that would be monopolized as a result of activity they challenge. The complainants in the recent filings against the pipelines either do not do so, or attempt to define markets based on the activities of a single market participant, which is generally disfavored under the antitrust laws (iii).

Finally, theories of economic harm must take account of the heavy regulation of energy markets at the state and federal level. Such regulation, for example, prohibits a utility from passing on costs to retail customers that are not prudently incurred. An antitrust theory based on a utility's asserted intention to do just that could be viewed as implausible.

Implications

Environmental organizations have shown a willingness to use every potential legal means to stop or delay natural gas development activities and other energy infrastructure projects. Such is the avowed goal of the Sierra Club's "Beyond" campaign(iv). Antitrust represents a new line of attack in this ongoing effort. Monitoring of developments in this area, and access to sound antitrust analysis and advice in the event of a challenge, is thus necessary for market participants seeking to protect these projects.

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i. See, e.g., Cargill v. Montfort of Colorado, Inc., 479 U.S. 104, 109 (1986) (quoting Brunswick Corp. v. Pueblo Bowl-O-Mat, Inc., 429 U.S. 477, 489 (1977) (holding that an antitrust plaintiff must show not just an injury caused by the challenged conduct, but an antitrust injury; i.e., an injury "of the type the antitrust laws were designed to prevent and that flows from that which makes defendants' acts unlawful.").

ii. See, e.g., Remarks of Deborah Platt Majoras, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission, "The Consumer Reigns: Using Section 2 to Ensure a 'Competitive Kingdom'", Opening Session, Hearings on Section 2 of the Sherman Act Sponsored by the Federal Trade Commission and the Antitrust Division, U.S. Department of Justice, at 10, 12 (2006) ("any legal framework needs to avoid second-guessing business judgments that were objectively reasonable at the time that they were made," and courts and agencies must "tak[e]care to ensure not to chill procompetitive behavior.").

iii. See, e.g., Queen City Pizza, Inc. v. Domino's Pizza, Inc., 129 F.3d 724 (3d Cir. 1997) (rejecting market of "pizza ingredients and supplies used by Domino's pizza stores").

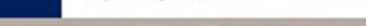
iv. See http://content.sierraclub.org/naturalgas/ (describing efforts to end natural gas production and liquefied natural gas exports).



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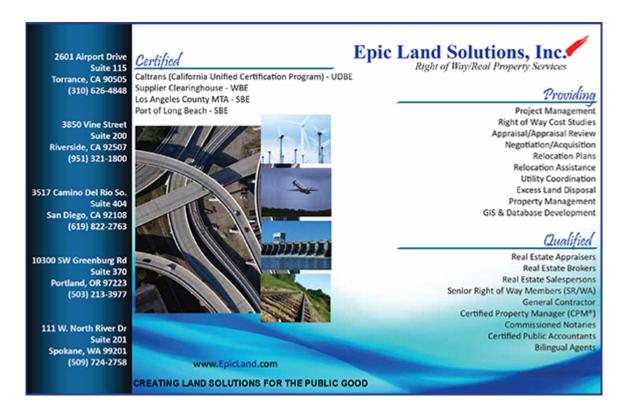


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Member News

Laura Kane SR/WA, R/W RAC Gets Recertified

In November, Ms. Laura Kane, SR/WA received recertification from IRWA for another five (5) years for her Right of Way Relocation Assistance Certification (R/W-RAC). We want to congratulate Ms. Kane for her continued achievement and dedication as an SR/WA, R/W RAC member. Ms. Kane works as a Project Manager for OPC Services, Inc., acquiring land and right of way and relocation assistance for public improvement projects.

She was born in New Haven, Connecticut on July 19th which makes her a "Cancer" who is compassionate, sensitive, intuitive, and an optimist. Ms. Kane received her BA degree in Political Science, Spanish, and Russian from the University of Connecticut, which makes her an alumni of the "Huskies!" and she's proud of it!. Laura resides in San Juan Capistrano on horse property and enjoys the outdoors. She is single and enjoys the latitude of spontaneity.

Laura enjoys Italian, Spanish, Seafood, and chocolate for her cuisines and her favorite restaurants are Sonny's in San Clemente and Souplantation. As her hobby, Laura enjoy's "Cantoring at her church and has been doing so for over 12 years! She claims to be a "Cradle Catholic" and figuring out why she believes what she believes. Laura recently attended "Cursillo" which is a Retreat and it was truly life-changing for her.

Laura used to own guinea pigs because she thought they were the cutest and loveliest things in life, however, she is animal-less at the moment. In regard to music, Laura loves a buffet of songs and musicians such as The Script, James Taylor, Christian/Hymns, Michael Franti, Eagles, Phil Collins, George Winston, The Beatles, Tristan Prettyman, and Carrie Underwood. Wow what a variety!

The last book Laura read was "Resisting Happiness" by Matthew Kelly and last movie taken in was "Hector and the Search for Happiness" (Netflix). Laura says she gets antsy when people approach a "Yield" sign and completely stop when the coast is clear! She becomes utterly "Repulsive" when women, yes women, don't wipe the sink after using it, Okaaaaaay.....

Laura's favorite Quote is "When we are too busy to reflect on how we are living our lives, it is almost certain that we are not busy doing the right things." "Compassion is a sign that our hearts are right with God". The most influential people in her life are "Emma and Uncle Ted", father's mother (grandmother), and brother. Laura lived with her "Ms. Emma" at 13 years of age. Uncle Ted also helped enormously and to this day she says "he is my Rock".

Laura's proudest accomplishment was living in Spain and learning Spanish. She also traveled much of the world which has expanded her openness to culture, cuisine, daily life, and music! Laura attributes much of her success to laughter and humor and believes everything in life should be looked at with positive upbeat and enthusiasm!

Laura's biggest challenge in life was the loss of both parents and the ability to set each foot forward every day thereafter. She believes people should be grateful for the friends and family they have and cherish every moment with them.

Laura just went back east to New York, Connecticut, and Vermont to be with friends and family for Thanksgiving. When asked what she looks for in people "Genuineness, Connection, and Humor!" and her most unrealized goal is "Montana!". Laura also says she is a pretty intense person at work and at the same time, can be free spirited and an open book!

She says she gets involved in IRWA because "its my job, LOL" j/k. IRWA has been paramount to her success as a Right of Way professional and without IRWA, she wouldn't have the R/W RAC and SR/WA credentials affording her to have a lasting and wonderful career at OPC, not to mention, "the know –how to do what I do". When you see Laura at the next luncheon, go up to her and say "Congratulations Laura!"

Other Recertified Members

The Chapter would also like to acknowledge the following members who recently received their "Re-certifications":

Name	Designation	Recertification Term
Mona D. Hebert, Senior Right of Way Manager, Phillips 66 Company	SR/WA	10/16 - 10/21
David Louvain Cops, Real Estate Manager, CEO/Real Estate Division, County of Orange	SR/WA	10/16 - 10/21
Rex Ball, Principal Real Property Agent, CEO Real Estate Division, County of Los Angeles	SR/WA	07/16 - 07/21

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2017 Spring Utility & Mock Trial Seminar

DATE: March 14, 2017

Registration & Continental Breakfast will begin at 7:00 am

Location: Santa Ana/ Airport Holiday Inn

2726 S. Grand Avenue, Santa Ana, CA 92705

REGISTRATION

Chapter 67's full day seminar on utility conflicts with a mock trial involving utility eminent domain in California. Includes course materials, continental breakfast, lunch and mid-day refreshments.

Morning Session

"Utility Agreements, Notices, Buy America, Relocation Cost Estimates" Alice Ramsey, Esq., California Power Law Group, PC and PC-Caltrans Deputy State Attorney, IV Sacramento (Retired) and Mark Lyles, Supervising R/W Agent, Caltrans District 7

"Making Marketable Title—Preserving & Defeating Easements & Reversionary Interest Under the (California) Uniform Marketable Record Title Act" Jack Quirk, Esq., and Cecilia Rendon, Esq., Bright & Brown

"Utility and Design Challenges" Eddie Bidgoli, PE, Senior Enginee, Metropolitan Water District & David Zimmerman, SCE

"Property Rights of Utilities and Title Issues" Brittany A. Syz, Senior Council, SDG&E

<u>Luncheon Speaker</u>

"Utility Conflicts in Construction-Design Build" Michael Thomas, P.E., Biggs Cardoza & Associates Construction Contractors

Afternoon Session

"Mock Utility Eminent Domain Trial (Agency v. Private Property Owner)"

Mock Trial Participants: Scott Delahooke, MAI Appraiser, Glenn Block, Esq., Eminent Domain Group, Keith McCollouogh, Esq., Alvarado Smith Law Group, Stu Duval, MAI Appraiser, George Hamilton Jones and Property Owner Representative

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SCHEDULE

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:00 AM - 8:05 AM	Opening Remarks
	Kirsten Bowman, Caltrans-Deputy State Attorney, IV, Chapter 67 Public Liaison/Region 1 Secre- tary/Treasurer)
8:05 AM - 8:55 AM	Utility Agreements, Notices, Buy America, Relocation Cost Estimates
	Alice Ramsey, Esq. California Power Law Group, PC-Caltrans Deputy State Attorney, IV, Sacra- mento (Retired), and Mark Lyles, Supervising R/W Agent, Caltrans District 7
9:05 AM - 9:55 AM	Making Marketable Title—Pr <mark>eserving</mark> & Defeating Easements & Reversionary Interest Under the (California) Uniform Marketable Record Title Act
	Jack Quirk, Esq., and Cecilia Rendon, Esq., of Bright & Brown
9:55 AM - 10:05 AM	Break
10:05 AM - 10:55 AM	Property Rights of Utilities and Title Issues
	Brittany A. Syz, Senior Counsel, San Diego Gas & Electric
11:05 AM - 11:5 <mark>5</mark> AM	Utility and Design Challenge
	Eddie Bidgoli, P.E., Senior Engineer, Metropolitan Water District & David Zimmerman, Project Manager, Southern California Edison
12:00 PM - 1 <mark>:</mark> 00 PM	Lunch Topic: Utility Conflicts in Construction-Design Build
	Michael Thomas, P.E., Biggs Car <mark>doza</mark> & Associates Construction Contractors
1:05 PM - <mark>3</mark> :00 PM	Mock Utility Eminent Domain Trial (Agency v. Private Property Owner)
	Stu Duvall, MAI Appraiser, Geor <mark>ge Ha</mark> milton Jones, Glenn Block, Esq., Eminent Domain Keith McCollough, Esq., Alvarado Smith Law Group, Scott Delahooke, MAI Appraiser, rr Representative
3:00 P <mark>M</mark> - 3:15 PM	Break
3:15 PM – 5:00 PM	Utility Trial Continuance
5:00 PM	Closing Remarks
	Katherine Contreras, Esq., Chapter 67 President

This Seminar and Mock Trial is eligible for MCLE, OREA and IRWA Continuing Education Credits.

Cost: \$125.00 [Includes continental breakfast, lunch and mid-afternoon refreshments]



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501 Residential Relocation Assistance 02.23-24.2017 Irvine, CA



Course 501 - Residential Relocation Assistance

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PLEASE NOTE: Participants must read 49 CFR Part 24 prior to attending this class.

Course Level: Intermediate

Topics:

- Replacement housing payments for residential owners and tenants
- Mobile homes
- Last resort housing
- Advisory assistance
- Moving payments
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Course Tuition Includes:

- Participant Manual
- Federal Register

Required Materials:

• Financial calculator

Who Should Take This Course:

This course is designed to provide the fundamentals of residential relocation to right of way professionals.

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505 Advanced Residential Relocation Assistance 05.17.17 Irvine, CA



Course 505 - Advanced Residential Relocation Assistance

Course Description:

This course requires a thorough understanding of the relocation process. This course begins with an awareness exam; then, in case-study format, covers residential relocation issues. There is a detailed analysis of each case study so that participants understand the lead agency's theory behind its interpretation of the situation. Facts are applied in order to simulate a relocation that is consistent with the intent of the Uniform Act.

Course Level:

Advanced

Topics:

- Limited Housing Resources
- Large Dwelling/Small Household
- Seasonal Residences
- Relocatees Receiving Public Assistance
- DS & S Standards and Occupancy Codes
- Barrier Free Housing
- Major Exterior Attributes and Carve-Outs
- Partial Interest Owners

Course Tuition Includes:

- Participant Manual
- Federal Register

Required Materials:

• Financial calculator

Who Should Take This Course:

This course is designed for experienced right of way practitioners who are in the field of relocation assistance.

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