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**Jury Selection: Choosing and Courting a Jury
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Lisa Blue, Esq., PhD
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**The Eminent Domain Case:
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Jacqueline Lucci Smith, Esq., Presiding Judge
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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

ETHICS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

12:00	Registration	2:15	Break
12:30	Welcome Overview of Ethics Session	2:30	General Ethical Issues Issues in Eminent Domain and Beyond
12:45	Ethics with Special Commissioners <i>Ex Parte</i> Communications in Eminent Domain Cases; Are Commissioners More Like Clerks or Judges?	3:15	The Client's Money How to Handle it Ethically
1:30	Lying in Negotiations Whether It's Puffery or Advocacy, How Far Can You Go?	4:00	Evaluations and Adjourn

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THURSDAY, JULY 29

FRIDAY, JULY 30

8:30	Registration and Continental Breakfast	8:30	Continental Breakfast
9:00	Welcome and Introduction Overview of Day One	9:00	Welcome Back Overview of Day Two
9:15	Case Law Update Implications for Eminent Domain in Texas	9:05	Procedure in Federal Takings The Department of Homeland Security's Border Fence Project in the Texas Rio Grande Valley
10:15	Morning Break	10:00	Morning Break
10:30	Two Hot Topics Attorneys' Fees on Dismissal; Subdividing and Changing the Before Tract	10:15	Utilizing the Appraiser as Acquisition Counsel Best Practices Model for Condemning Authorities; Relying on the Valuation Expert Beyond the Valuation; Calling on All Disciplines Required to Measure Market Value Loss
11:30	Nonconforming Properties Vested Rights and Grandfathering; Limitations on Nonconforming Rights; Impacts of Nonconformity; Board of Adjustments and Proceedings	11:00	Featured Presentation: Jury Selection Choosing and Courting a Jury in an Eminent Domain Case
12:30	Lunch Break	12:15	Lunch Break
1:45	Future Transit Projects US 290 and METRO's Light Rail Projects	1:30	Understanding the Project Influence Rule Conducting a Project Influence Study
3:00	Land Planning Consultation in the Acquisition and Design Process Identifying Impacts and Damages Before They Happen	2:15	Afternoon Break
3:45	Afternoon Break	2:30	Featured Presentation: The Eminent Domain Case Perspectives from the Bench
4:00	Expert Challenges in an Eminent Domain Case <i>Robinson/Daubert</i> Analyses; Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice; Project Influence	3:15	Special Commissioners' Hearings A Panel Presentation and Discussion
4:45	When Mediation Is Eminent: A Matter of Give and Take Pros and Cons of Mediating the Eminent Domain Case; Mediation from the Perspective of the Condemning Authority; What's in Mediation for the Landowner; Getting the Greatest Value from Mediation; Pet Peeves and Practice Tips From a Neutral's Perspective	4:30	Evaluations and Adjourn
5:30	Adjourn		

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Stephen I. Adler practices eminent domain law. He is a past chair of the Eminent Domain Committee of the Real Property Section of the American Bar Association and is a frequent lecturer and author on the litigation of takings cases. He has co-chaired CLE International Eminent Domain Conferences for seven years.

Kimberli D. Loessin practices exclusively in the areas of eminent domain, inverse condemnation and regulatory takings. She previously served as in-house counsel to Exxon Mobil Corporation. She has been with her firm since 2006 and currently manages its Houston office. She is a regular speaker on eminent domain matters.

FEATURED PRESENTERS

Lisa Blue has been named one of the Top 50 Women Litigators in the U.S. by the *National Law Journal* and is an expert in jury selection. She has been asked to serve as a commentator covering high-profile trials for Court TV and is a frequent author on jury issues.

Robert B. Hirschhorn is a nationally recognized expert in jury and trial consultation. He is a co-author of *Blue's Guide to Jury Selection*. He appears frequently on national news programs and is a frequent speaker on the art of jury selection.

Jacqueline Lucci Smith was elected to the Harris County Civil Court-at-Law Number 2 in 2006 and currently serves as the Presiding Judge of the Harris County Civil Courts-at-Law. Judge Smith spent five years in private practice, focusing on civil appellate law. She began working at the Harris County Attorney's office in 1998. She then went to work for Paul Bettencourt in 2001 at the Harris County Tax Office, where she served as Director and Counsel.

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