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Educational Webinar: Telecom Communication Rights within an Easement



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Join us on this webinar to discover the additional rights being granted in a telecom easement, and learn the language within an easement that allows for communication companies to add equipment within an existing utility right of way.

Webinar Speakers

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Mischa focuses her practice on eminent domain and commercial litigation around issues involving trade secrets, real property, construction, and business torts at the trial and appellate levels in state and federal courts. Her clients include road commissions, transmission companies, municipalities, state transportation departments, publicly traded REITs, Fortune 500 corporations, small enterprises, and individuals. She frequently speaks on right-of-way topics, appearing at industry and bar association conferences across the United States. Mischa earned her undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Michigan and has been recognized as a Michigan Super Lawyer and a Michigan Top Lawyer. In 2015, Michigan Lawyers Weekly named her to its elite annual list of "Women in the Law."

Wayne is a Senior Member of the IRWA with a Texas Real Estate Sales license. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in business management with a minor in political science. He has over 23 years of real estate/real estate related business experience including a concentration in contract administration, sales office management, and many years negotiating directly with homeowners and landowners. Wayne has strong working knowledge of real estate law with special knowledge of eminent domain (condemnation) proceedings, knowledge of real estate procedures, documents, public land records, appraisal techniques, and familiarity with regulatory and environmental rules and regulations. He specializes in land acquisitions and property sales throughout the State of Texas.

Tom is responsible for managing the ROW activities within AEP Transmission's 15-state footprint. He oversees a staff of ~50 internal employees and over 200 contractors with an annual ROW budget of approximately \$70M in capital projects related to AEP's electric transmission facilities, and supporting the joint venture project ROW needs outside of AEP service territory. AEP Transmission operates the largest transmission system in the United States with more than 40,000 miles of lines, including more 765-kV capacity than all other U.S. utilities combined. With a focus on safety and reliability, AEP Transmission builds and operates the infrastructure that moves high voltage electricity from gas, solar, coal, nuclear, wind and hydro sources, and delivers it to large industrial customers and to AEP Operating Companies and other power companies to distribute it.