

**Condemnation Summit XVIII Agenda
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**SPEAKER BIOS
(Presentation Order)**

Steven Hirsch's litigation practice at Quarles & Brady LLP concentrates on real estate, construction, and commercial litigation. Mr. Hirsch has handled several jury trials concerning eminent domain, contract and lease disputes, valuation of real estate, land use regulation and other government takings of undeveloped and improved land, income-producing properties, utility property, and certificated areas and water rights. He has experience in recovering federal and state relocation benefits as well. Mr. Hirsch also has brought actions against governmental agencies arising out of zoning, permitting, and similar land use disputes. He represents developers and utilities in public utility commission matters, including cases involving issuance and modifications of certificates of convenience and necessity to serve, transmission line siting hearings, and rate proceedings.

Chris Kramer's practice at Gust Rosenfeld P.L.C. emphasizes eminent domain litigation, primarily the representation of condemning authorities. He has handled projects including major urban freeway corridors, such as the Red Mountain and Sky Harbor freeways; traffic interchanges; roadway expansions such as State Route 179 through Oak Creek and Sedona; and has condemned property throughout Arizona for roads, bridges, transit (including light rail), flood control, parks, wetlands, airports, public buildings, and utilities. Mr. Kramer's practice includes assisting clients with right of way and property valuation issues arising during a project, from design through completion. These issues may include such matters as obtaining right of way clearances; utility prior rights; relocation assistance; compliance with federal and state regulations; coordination with other stakeholders and governmental entities; and preparation of appropriate documentation.

Chris Huffman is a professional engineer with nearly 20 years of experience in transportation, primarily with management, location, and design of access. Mr. Huffman founded and administered the Corridor Access Management program of the Kansas Department of Transportation, and has conducted and reviewed traffic impact analyses and plans for countless economic developments. He joined Martens Appraisal in 2005. Mr. Huffman combines his expertise in valuation and transportation engineering in both appraisal and consulting projects. His certifications include: Certified General Real Property Appraiser – Kansas No. G-2537; Certified General Real Estate Appraiser – Missouri No. 2008018065; and Kansas Professional Engineer – No. 14916. Additionally, he has more than 15 years of experience with the Kansas Department of Transportation and more than 10 years of experience working with the Transportation Research Board. He has served as a member of the Access Management and the Eminent Domain and Land Use Committees. Mr. Huffman chaired the 2004 TRB National Access Management Conference in Kansas City and has served on numerous National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) panels.

Edward V.A. Kussy is one of the nation's leading experts on federal surface transportation policy and regulations. With nearly 40 years of experience holding senior level positions in federal government, he uses this background to provide unique insight on many of Nossaman LLP's most important matters. Before joining Nossaman LLP in 2008, Mr. Kussy served as deputy chief counsel (top career lawyer) at the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in Washington, D.C. Prior to this appointment, he served as FHWA's assistant chief counsel for Right of Way and Environment. Mr.

Kussy also has vast experience dealing with the National Environmental Policy Act and other environmental laws impacting transportation planning and construction. While at the U.S. Department of Transportation, Mr. Kussy helped develop environmental regulations and policies governing the Federal-aid Highway Program. He has worked on hundreds of NEPA and other cases, including several that went to the U.S. Supreme Court. He regularly lectures on a wide array of topics related to transportation and ethics.

The Honorable Clint Bolick was appointed by Governor Doug Ducey in January 2016 to serve on the Arizona Supreme Court. Prior to joining the Court, Justice Bolick litigated constitutional cases in state and federal courts from coast to coast, including the U.S. Supreme Court. Among other positions, he served as vice president for Litigation at the Goldwater Institute and as co-founder and vice president for Litigation at the Institute for Justice. He has litigated in support of school choice, freedom of enterprise, private property rights, freedom of speech, and federalism, and against racial classifications and government subsidies.

Justice Bolick received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of California at Davis, where he has been recognized as a distinguished alumnus, and his bachelor's degree *magna cum laude* from Drew University. He serves as a research fellow with the Hoover Institution. Among other honors, he was named one of the 90 Greatest DC Lawyers in the Last 30 Years by *Legal Times* in 2008, received a Bradley Prize in 2006, and was recognized as one of the nation's three lawyers of the year by American Lawyer in 2002 for his successful defense of school vouchers in *Zelman v. Simmons-Harris*.

Justice Bolick is a prolific author of a dozen books and hundreds of articles. Among his most recent books are *Immigration Wars: Forging an American Solution*, co-authored with former Florida Governor Jeb Bush; and *David's Hammer: The Case for an Activist Judiciary*.

Stephanie Heizer is a native of Flagstaff, Arizona. She graduated from Arizona State University with a bachelor's degree in Spanish and graduated *magna cum laude* from Whittier Law School. Stephanie practices in general civil litigation and real estate transactional matters for both private and governmental entities, with a focus on representing municipalities in eminent domain actions. Since joining Ayers & Brown, P.C. in 2004, Ms. Heizer has worked on all aspects of eminent domain matters, including advising clients on project-related issues prior to filing suit; handling contested order of immediate possession hearings; and conducting discovery, motion practice, oral arguments, mediations, trial, and resulting appeals. She has experience in representing a wide variety of private and governmental clients in various civil litigation matters, including breach of contract actions, landlord/tenant actions, quiet title actions, ejectment actions, and construction defect litigation. Ms. Heizer advises numerous private and government clients in general real estate transactions. She drafts purchase agreements, contracts, deeds, easements, construction contracts, lease agreements, and promissory notes. She also has experience with purchase contracts, determining the proper scope of easements, and negotiating purchase prices for the acquisition of property.

Cassandra Ayres represents clients in zoning and land use matters, as well as clients in real estate litigation involving zoning, entitlement, land use and condemnation claims, including constitutional and property tax issues. She has been involved in cases concerning many of the most high-profile issues in one of the nation's most dynamic real estate communities. Ms. Ayres has been with Beus Gilbert PLLC since 2006 when she started as a clerk during her second year of law school at Arizona State University.

William "Bill" Jameson currently serves as chief counsel of the Transportation Section of the Arizona Attorney General's Office. He has been with the Transportation Section, which provides legal advice and representation to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), for 30 years. He previously served as Condemnation Unit chief counsel and has represented ADOT in eminent domain litigation, construction contract disputes, and various right of way matters.

Ethan Steele has been practicing law in Tucson since 1983. His practice has involved the areas of real estate, contested estates, eminent domain, and numerous civil appeals. He has been called upon by many well-known Tucson attorneys to assist with trial and appellate work over the years. Mr. Steele is currently representing landowners whose properties are being taken in whole or part for public use in the following projects: Grant Road widening, Downtown Links extension of the Aviation Highway, and the Ina Road widening over I-10. Mr. Steele holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and philosophy, and received his law degree from the University of Arizona Law School.

Peter J. Martori is an Arizona native and part of a large family that has farmed in the state since 1932. He first became active in real estate through site selection for Country Kitchen Restaurants and his work with a prominent bankruptcy attorney in Phoenix preparing valuations for debtors. In 1983, he obtained his Arizona real estate broker's license, at which time he purchased a local life insurance agency that had an income stream through seasoned commissions and went into the real estate brokerage business as Martorico. Between 1983 and 1988, Mr. Martori bought and sold real property, represented buyers and sellers in real estate brokerage, developed two small residential subdivisions, and formed several limited partnerships. Since 1995, he has provided various types of litigation support for well-known projects, including individual sites at the Bank One Ballpark, the Spur Cross Ranch, Miller Park/SRP case (went to Arizona Supreme Court), McDowell Mountain Preserve, the Goldberg Residence, numerous light rail cases, Apache Junction Town Center Bankruptcy, the Mountain Shadows Resort Bankruptcy, and, more recently, the ASU Fraternity takings by the Arizona Board of Regents.

William M. Dominick is the managing member of Burke Hansen LLC. He has been engaged in the valuation and analysis of real property since 1985. Clients have consistently returned to work with Mr. Dominick because of his broad base of market knowledge that allows him to precisely quantify the variables involved in every project. He brings to his practice exacting standards and forthright objectivity. Throughout his career, Mr. Dominick has cultivated his base of knowledge and expanded his scope of vision. He gained exposure to regional and national real estate markets through his experience with a number of firms, including CB Commercial Real Estate Group, Inc. His experience as a homebuilder and land developer has provided invaluable insight into aspects of real estate that most appraisers do not properly understand. Though Mr. Dominick is a valuation expert, he has developed extensive skills and knowledge in the fields of new construction, rehabilitation, development, litigation, asset management, appraisal review, brokerage/sales activity, purchase/lease negotiation, and bankruptcy workouts. This broad-based experience has helped him develop an extensive consulting/valuation practice focused on litigation support and expert witness testimony. His wholly owned company, Burke Hansen LLC, is widely regarded throughout the country, and professional associates within the firm currently hold general appraisal certifications in multiple states.

Steve Cole, principal of Southwest Appraisal Associates, is an MAI designated appraiser and has been practicing as a real estate appraiser since 1975. Mr. Cole attended the University of California and received a master's degree in Business Administration from UCLA. He has been designated a Senior Residential Appraiser (SRA) and Member of the Appraisal Institute (MAI). Mr. Cole has been active as an educator and lecturer on subjects of real estate and economics. He has been an instructor for the University of Arizona and the local junior college, Pima College, as well as numerous other real estate organizations.

Nick Hower founded [Kitchen Sink Studios Inc.](#) with Kory Kaper in 1999. As an innovative, full-service branding and visualization agency, Kitchen Sink Studios brings to life the visions of its clients through the wonders of innovative design solutions. The agency's experts can translate complex situations into easy-to-understand presentations with strong brand messages. Under Mr. Hower's leadership, the team is flexible and can be involved at any stage. The Kitchen Sink team is comprised of strategists, copywriters, digital developers, architects, photographers, graphic designers, illustrators, animators, and filmmakers. The agency represents a variety of corporate, legal, government, and municipal clients throughout Arizona.