# **Agenda**

### **Locating Land Boundaries on Paper (and on the Ground)**

N. Osborn

Interpreting land descriptions

- Metes and bounds
- Lot and block
- Dos and don'ts for writing descriptions

Applying principles of boundary location

- Collecting and evaluating all types of boundary evidence: documents, physical evidence, people, surveys
- Locating the described land on a map
- · Locating the described land on the ground
- Understanding and using geographic information systems (GIS)

Solving land description and boundary location problems

### **Identifying, Classifying and Locating Private Easements**

M. Pittinos I. Mark

What is and is not an easement

Reviewing state law on easements

Creating easements: easements by necessity, easements by use, written easements Identifying critical distinctions between easements in gross,

easements appurtenant and prescriptive easements

Maintaining easements

Knowing when and how to terminate easements

Obstructing use of easements and determining remedies for obstruction

### **Defining Trespass and Adverse Possession**

A. Jokerst, K. Moisan

Defining trespass

Reviewing the history of adverse possession

Maintaining a claim for adverse possession

- Statute of limitations
- · Elements of a claim

Defending against a claim for adverse possession

Examining recent eminent domain cases

#### Basics of the U.S. Public Land Survey System (PLSS)

B. Savage

The Northwest Ordinance

Principal meridians and baselines

The basic building blocks of the PLSS

The township, Ranges and Sections

Numbering sections

Irregular sections and aliquot parts

### **Describing and Locating Lands in the PLSS**

B. Savage

"Part of" descriptions

Reading a PLSS description

Writing a description

Websites for mapping and locating described lands

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# **Learning Objectives**

#### You'll be able to:

**Understand** the basic components of metes-and-bounds as well as lot-and-block land descriptions.

**Apply** principles of boundary location to find described lands on the map as well as on the ground.

*Identify* and classify easements in Colorado, including easements by necessity and easements by use.

**Define** trespass and get tips on maintaining and defending claims for adverse possession.

**Learn** about the basic building blocks of the Public Land Survey System (PLSS).

**Describe** and locate Colorado lands using the PLSS.

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