# **Agenda**

# Identifying, Classifying and Locating Easements

T. Duggan I.Cannito

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

### Trespass, Adverse Possession and Other Unauthorized Access to Land

A. Fox

Elements of civil trespass to land

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 adverse possession cases

## **Understanding Utility Easements and Rights of Way**

I. Grather

Current law on utility rights of way

- Federal laws and regulations
- State laws and regulations

Types of utilities affected

• Electric, water, natural gas, telecommunications, satellite communications

Basis for and definition of the easement

Encroachments and interferences

Maintenance

Environmental issue

Condemnation law

Condemination law

Current issues involving utility easements

# **Eminent Domain Law**

T. Duggan M. Ash

Understanding eminent domain powersSource of eminent domain powers

W. Ortiz

• History of the exercise of eminent domain powers

• Types of eminent domain "takings"

Just compensation: valuing "taken" property

Privatization of eminent domain and other current issues

# Participating in the Condemnation Process

T. Duggan M. Ash

Condemnation process for government use Hearing and right of appeal

W. Ortiz

Valuing the property taken

Condemnation process for utility and other quasi-public use

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**Distinguish** various kinds of private easements and get tips about creating and maintaining easements.

**Review** the history of adverse possession in New Jersey and learn about bringing and defending adverse possession claims.

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**Learn** about eminent domain law and value property rights taken by condemnation.

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