

Agenda

Locating Land Boundaries on Paper (and on the Ground) *Q. Simons*

- 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 *Q. Simons*

- What *is* and *is not* an easement
- Reviewing New Mexico 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

Water Law 101 *S. Russo-Baca*

- Water availability
- New Mexico Constitution and Water Article XVI
- Elements of a water right
- New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC)
- History of surface rights
- Groundwater rights
- Permitting process for new appropriations/changes in water rights
- Acquiring a water right
 - Application considerations
 - Post permit requirements
- Water right transfer process
- Losing a water right

New Mexico Water Quality *S. Lemon*



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Learning Objectives

You'll be able to:

- Solve** land description and boundary location programs.
- Identify**, classify and locate private easements.
- Explore** the elements of a claim for adverse possession and identify defenses.
- Discuss** rights to use New Mexico groundwater, and identify limitations on groundwater use.
- Learn** about the process for acquiring water rights
- Examine** New Mexico water quality Issues.



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- Locate** land boundaries
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- Explore** New Mexico groundwater rights
- Discuss** New Mexico water quality issues

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Faculty

Quinn Scott Simons *The Simons Firm LLP*
Mr. Simons was born and raised in Santa Fe and is a fourth generation New Mexican. After attending undergraduate school at Colorado College (B.A. 1997), Mr. Simons, an avid mountain climber, attempted an unclimbed route on a remote, 25,245' peak in the Tibetan Himalayas. Due to an unexpected storm and highly technical climbing conditions at high altitude, Mr. Simons suffered severe frostbite, costing him his fingers and feet. Undaunted by the challenges and adversity that ensued, Mr. Simons started and ran a successful construction company in Santa Fe for several years, before moving to Kentucky to train horses. After years in the horse business, Mr. Simons reunited with his high school girlfriend, Veree, and chose to settle down and raise his family in Santa Fe. Mr. Simons attended the University of New Mexico School of Law (J.D. 2013), and now maintains a successful law practice focused on construction and real estate law and litigation, general business law and litigation, and insurance law. He is licensed to practice in both New Mexico State and Federal courts with an emphasis on trial practice.

Stephanie Russo-Baca *The University of New Mexico Utton Transboundary Resource Center*
Ms. Russo-Baca is the staff attorney and Ombudsman program director at the Utton Transboundary Resources Center at the University of New Mexico (UNM) in Albuquerque, New Mexico. In both roles that Ms. Russo-Baca fulfills, her mission is to support and represent constituents in a fair and unbiased manner. As the Ombudsman Program Director, she guides the activities of the Joe M Stell Ombudsman Program, a statewide program that provides impartial adjudication information and procedural guidance to unrepresented water rights claimants in the State of New Mexico. She also manages the Native American Water Right Settlements E-Repository. Ms. Russo-Baca contributes significantly to the Utton Center's overall mission of providing objective research-based public service to New Mexico's communities on energy, climate change, ecological conservation, food systems, and international natural resource management issues. Her undergraduate degree is in Agroecology, and she holds both Indian Law and Natural Resources and Environmental Law Certificates from the UNM School of Law. She has also served on the *Tribal Law Journal* as a staff member and editor and received the Dean's Award upon graduation. During the Spring 2024 semester, she taught the inaugural Agricultural Law class at the UNM School of Law. She is currently the chair of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District Board of Directors, holding Position No. 1, At-Large.

Shelly Lemon *New Mexico Environment Department, Santa Fe, New Mexico*
Ms. Lemon has worked for the Surface Water Quality Bureau (SWQB) of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) for 20 years. The mission of the SWQB is to preserve, protect, and improve New Mexico's surface water quality for present and future generations. As bureau chief, Ms. Lemon currently manages and oversees three technical teams that fulfill the state's responsibilities under both the federal Clean Water Act and state Water Quality Act, such as developing and revising water quality standards, collecting and assessing water quality data, managing and reducing nonpoint source pollution, protecting and restoring wetlands, and implementing surface water protection regulations related to point-source discharges. Ms. Lemon is a board member for the national Association of Clean Water Administrators. Prior to joining the Department, Ms. Lemon was a high school and middle school science teacher, outdoor educator, and dive master. Ms. Lemon earned a bachelor's degree in Biology and a master's degree in Hydrology from the University of Arizona.

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- Friday, September 13, 2024 | 8:00 am - 3:00 pm MDT

GNSS Workshop: Understanding Common Problems
- Monday, September 16, 2024 | 8:00 - 11:00 am MDT

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- Friday, September 13, 2024 | 8:00 am - 4:30 pm MDT

Pumping and Piping Systems
- Thursday, September 19, 2024 | 8:00 - 11:15 am MDT
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