Agenda

Contract Law Primer for Engineers *L. Martin*

Reviewing the necessary elements of any contract
Understanding contract "legalese"
Determining performance
What constitutes a breach of contract?
What are damages and remedies?
Liability-shifting contract provisions: warranties, guarantees and indemnities
Making changes to contracts

Intellectual Property Essentials for Engineers: Patents, Trademarks, Copyrights, and Trade Secrets *L. Martin*

Securing ownership of your designs through patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets
Leveraging your intellectual capital through licenses, franchises, and other technology agreements
Policing intellectual property rights and preventing infringement
Resolving intellectual property disputes

Cyber Security Issues for Engineers *C. Green*

Cyber security threats and business exposure to data breaches
Anatomy of a data breach or cyber attack and the spectrum of possible responses
Coverage that is available under cyber insurance policies
Examples of actual cyber events, with lessons learned from those events

Understanding the Investigatory and Disciplinary Practices of Nevada's Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors *L. Beggs*

Understanding the Board's disciplinary powers
Reviewing prohibited practices and grounds for disciplinary action
Investigatory procedures
Disciplinary hearings
Administrative and other penalties and enforcement

Handling Ethical Issues in Professional Engineering Practice *N. Opfer*

Promoting health and welfare vs. managing risk: complementary or conflicting duties?
Protecting the environment: meeting or exceeding legal requirements
Watching the bottom line: identifying and balancing economic pressures in design and construction
Integrating new technologies: identifying and balancing the benefits and risks

Case Studies in Engineering Ethics: Applying the Rules to Real-Life Ethical Issues *N. Opfer*

Avoiding ethics issues during the request for proposal/bidding process
Calling in another professional: when projects require expertise outside of your area of competence
Setting up and using quality assurance/quality control processes
What to do when things go wrong: your duties to your client/employer and other project professionals

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