



County Road Association
OF MICHIGAN

5th Annual Legal Issues Symposium

Managing the public right-of-way: Acquisitions, Abandonments and 5G Small Cells

Tuesday, December 3, 2019 | 8 -11:45 a.m.

Comfort Inn & Suites and Conference Center | 2424 S. Mission St., Mt. Pleasant

Every so often, the “footprint” of a county primary or local road requires a change. More right-of-way (ROW) may be needed for a roundabout or other project. Or maybe it’s time to abandon a road that’s no longer useful to the community.

And accommodating new broadband/wireless communication technology with its infrastructure can pose significant ROW challenges.

All three topics can set up significant litigation for the county road agency, especially if not handled properly. CRA’s 2019 Legal Issues Symposium walks you through these situations that may be new or infrequently encountered by your road agency.



5th Annual Legal Issues Symposium and Strengthen Your Inner Office *(inc. breakfast, lunch): \$169*
5th Annual Legal Issues Symposium only *(inc. lunch): \$95*

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CRA hotel room block available through Comfort Inn & Suites for **\$75/night**. For more info, call 989.772.4000.

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AGENDA

7:30-8:25 a.m. **Registration and Breakfast**

8:25-8:30 a.m. **Welcome**

***Dave Pettersch**, CRA President & Managing Director, Gladwin County Road Commission*

8:30-9:30 a.m. **ROW Acquisition: Knowing the Rules and Avoiding Subject Matter Jurisdiction Issues**

Acquiring the necessary property rights is a critical part of any road project and implementing good acquisition practices can ensure successful voluntary right-of-way acquisition. But sometimes condemnation becomes necessary. And when it does, the lawsuit can be dismissed if the agency did not follow the proper procedures in seeking to acquire the property. Come learn how to make sure you follow the rules and protect your acquisition from these experts in the field.

***Devin Sullivan**, Attorney at Law, Zausmer, August & Caldwell, PC*

Michigan Department of Transportation Representative

9:30-9:45 a.m. **Break**

9:45-10:45 a.m. **Road abandonment: Cleaning out the junk**

Sometimes, you just don't need it anymore. Learn from two road agency legal experts on the legitimate reasons for abandoning a road, and the lawful steps to follow in doing so.

***Mike Levine**, JD, Levine Law Group*

***Bruce Crews**, JD, Assistant to the Managing Director/Management Analyst, Jackson County Department of Transportation*

10:45-11 a.m. **Break**

11-11:45 a.m. **Now trending: Small cell installations in the right-of-way**

With Michigan law having smoothed the way for small cell installations to enhance 5G across Michigan, county road agencies are facing new ROW challenges. Legal counsel to an urban road commission, which have been the first to see small cell installs, talks about small cell challenges, road agency authority and working things out.

***Matthew Willson**, JD, Deputy General Counsel, Road Commission for Oakland County*

12 noon **Lunch**

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