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Ethics in Land Use

PLANNING CONDUCT & ETHICS

- The American Planning Association's "**Statement of Ethical Principles for Planning**" "*establishes guidelines for ethical conduct to assure that those individuals whose decisions and actions have long-range consequences for later generations may merit the respect and confidence of other officials, public employees, professional planners, and the public.*"

Recurrent Ethical Issues in Land Use Cases for Board Members and Attorneys

- Ex Parte Contacts.
- Conflict of Interest.

Sources of Standards

- Attorney codes of conduct
- State statutes
- Local ordinances
- Due process requirements
- Standards may vary based on legislative or quasi judicial status – especially for attorneys
- Results can vary by state, type of case and locality!

Ex Parte Contacts

Ex Parte Contacts - Continued

- Ethical dilemmas may arise from:
  - Informality of administrative proceedings dealing with land use.
  - Prevalence of lay members on planning commissions and legislative bodies.
  - Pro se opponents.

Ex Parte Contacts

- Administrative decisions should be based upon evidence in the official record of a public hearing to provide opportunity for public comment.
- Ex parte communication by attorneys with members of an administrative zoning body are generally prohibited in quasi judicial proceedings.
  - Often at odds with local planning culture.
- Similar to the prohibition of litigant contact with judge and jury.
- Prohibition applies to specific matter only.
- Is it a disadvantage to hire an attorney?

Conflicts of Interest

Conflicts of Interest for Board Members

- Results can vary by state, type of case and locality!
- Direct or indirect financial interest in the outcome of the question.
- Appearance of Impropriety.
- Don't Abstain: Withdraw from consideration and voting.

Conflicts of Interest for Attorneys

- Traditional attorney standards regarding clients apply – it can be tricky.
- Representing landowners and developers.
- Representing citizen groups.

Thank You!

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David A. Pike is the owner of a regional law firm with nine employees, including five attorneys, with offices in the Louisville, Kentucky area. He is licensed to practice in Alaska, Arkansas, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee and West Virginia, twelve U.S. District & four U.S. Courts of Appeals, as well as the US Supreme Court.

The practice of his organization is concentrated in real estate, administrative law, land use, telecommunications, zoning, permitting and related litigation. David received his B.A. degree, cum laude, from DePauw University and both his J.D. and M.B.A. degrees from the University of Illinois. The Pike Legal Group, PLLC does not charge clients for unused travel time.

David is an active speaker and teacher having done more than 150 seminar presentations in 2003-2007 dealing with ethics, due process, community and land use planning, and zoning issues. He is the recipient of the Kentucky Chapter of the American Planning Association's 2000 Chapter Award for most outstanding contributions to planning in Kentucky and a Special Appreciation Award in 2001 for assistance in passage of state legislation mandating continuing education for local planning authorities. One of David's recent honors is the first "Above & Beyond Award" for "Educator of the Year" presented by the Kentucky League of Cities in 2004 citing his leadership in community planning education, quality of presentation, and over 1,000 students attending League of Cities continuing planning education courses.

He is a member of the American Planning Association and serves as the volunteer director of the Kentucky League of Cities Planning Education Editorial Board. David has served, in varying capacities, on boards of directors for organizations such as a chamber of commerce and economic development authorities. He is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Alaska Natural History Association.

David's other active volunteer activities and sponsorships include the Yukon Quest, Aaron Burmeister's Flat Dog Kennels and Hannah Moderow's Salty Dog Kennels Alaskan Dog Mushing Teams.

David is also a member of organizations such as: the American Planning Association, the Alaska Dog Mushers Association, Inc., Alaska Native Heritage Center, Iditarod Trail Committee, Inc., Yukon Quest International, Friends of Alaska National Wildlife Refuges, and the Anchorage Museum of History and Art. He is a graduate of the Northwest School of Survival's "Cold Weather Survival Training" on Mt. Hood, Oregon.

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LAW FIRM

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EDUCATION

- Juris Doctor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (1983)
- Master of Business Administration, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (1983). Three years as Undergraduate Marketing Teaching Assistant Instructor
- Bachelor of Arts, DePauw University at Greencastle, Indiana, cum laude (1979). Major: Economics & Business Administration

LICENSED TO PRACTICE

- State of Alaska
- State of Arkansas
- State of Georgia
- State of Indiana
- Commonwealth of Kentucky
- State of Ohio
- State of Tennessee
- State of West Virginia
- U.S. District Court, District of Alaska
- U.S. District Court, Northern & Southern Districts of Indiana
- U.S. District Court, Eastern & Western Districts of Kentucky
- U.S. District Court, Northern & Southern Districts of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Eastern, Middle & Western Districts of Tennessee
- U.S. District Court, Northern & Southern Districts of West Virginia
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth, Sixth, Seventh & Ninth Circuits
- U.S. Supreme Court

PROFESSIONAL HONORS & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Nature, Cultural & Educational Advocacy:

- Aurora Club Corporate Sponsor, Pratt Museum, Homer, Alaska
- Primary Sponsor, Flat Dog Kennels Dog Mushing Team, Aaron Burmeister, Nenana, Alaska
- Sponsor, Salty Dog Kennels Dog Mushing Team, Hannah Moderow, Denali, Alaska
- Member, Alaska Dog Mushers Association, Inc., Fairbanks, Alaska
- Member, Alaska Native Heritage Center, Anchorage, Alaska
- Life Member, Iditarod Trail Committee, Inc., Wasilla, Alaska
- Summit Member, Yukon Quest International
- Member, Anchorage Museum of History & Art, Anchorage, Alaska
- Life Member, Friends of Alaska National Wildlife Refuges

- Sponsor, Denali Writers Expedition, all women climbing team at Denali led by Tori McClure (the first woman to row solo across the Atlantic Ocean & the first woman to ski to the South Pole) with Internet & teleconferencing educational access, 2004.
- Graduate, Northwest School of Survival, “Cold Weather Survival Training,” Mt. Hood, Oregon, 2003.
- Completed, Alaska Native Heritage Center, "Cultural Awareness Workshop," Anchorage, Alaska, 2003.
- Attended, Bilingual Multicultural Education Equity Conference, Anchorage, Alaska, 2003.

Professional Associations:

- State Bar Associations: Alaska, Arkansas, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee & West Virginia
- American Planning Association (Planning & Law Division)
- American Planning Association State Chapters: Alaska, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Tennessee, West Virginia
- Project Management Institute
- Member, East, Middle & West Tennessee Wireless Associations

Board of Directors Volunteer Service:

- Member, Iditarod Trail Committee Board of Directors Nominating Committee, 2006-2007
- Member, Board of Directors, Alaska Natural History Association, 2005 - .
- Editor & Chairman, Kentucky League of Cities Planning Education Editorial Board, 2001-.
- Member, American Planning Association Finance Committee, Kentucky Chapter, 2001-2003.
- Member & Secretary, American Planning Association Task Force for Statutory Reform, Kentucky Chapter, 1999-2000.
- Director, Bullitt County Chamber of Commerce, Shepherdsville, Kentucky, 1987-2001.
- President Elect, Bullitt County Chamber of Commerce, Shepherdsville, Kentucky, 1988-1989.
- President & Board Chairman, Bullitt Chamber of Commerce, Shepherdsville, Kentucky, 1989-1991.
- Chairman, Bullitt County Chamber of Commerce Committee on Economic Development, 1990-1992.
- Chairman, Bullitt County Government Economic Development Authority, Shepherdsville, Kentucky, 1993-1997.

Planning Text Author:

- Author, Kentucky League of Cities, City Officials Handbook, Planning & Zoning Section, 2006-2007.
- Author, Kentucky League of Cities, City Officials Handbook, Planning & Zoning Section, 2005-2006.
- Author, Kentucky League of Cities, Newly Elected Officials (NEOs) Manual, Planning & Zoning Section, 2002-2005.

Planning & Teaching Awards:

- Certificate of Excellence, Lorman Education Services, 2006.
- First “Above & Beyond Award” as “Educator of the Year,” Kentucky League of Cities, citing leadership in planning education, quality of presentation & over 1,000 students attending League of Cities continuing planning education courses, 2004.
- Special Appreciation Award, Kentucky Chapter of the American Planning Association, Assistance to KAPA in passage of HB55 (requiring mandatory continuing education for planning board members & planning staffs), 2001.
- Chapter Award, Kentucky Chapter of the American Planning Association, outstanding service to planning, 1999-2000.

Special Communications & Land Development Educational Courses Completed:

- Andrew Seybolt's CTIA Wireless Data University, Atlanta Convention, 2004.
- PLI "Working with the FCC: Enforcement Policy & Practice," Washington, DC, 2002.
- PCIA, "Federal Environmental & Historic Preservation Laws & the Siting of Communications Towers," Alexandria, 2002.
- University of Wisconsin, College of Engineering, Department of Engineering & Professional Development, "Siting Wireless Communications Antennas & Towers," Las Vegas, 2001.
- University of Wisconsin, College of Engineering, Department of Engineering & Professional Development, "Preparing for 3G Wireless Technology: New Wideband TDMA Standards & Systems," Madison, 2001.
- University of Wisconsin, College of Engineering, Department of Engineering & Professional Development, "Preparing for 3G Wireless Technology: New Wideband CDMA Standards & Systems," Madison, 2001.
- University of Wisconsin, College of Engineering, Department of Engineering & Professional Development, "Fundamentals of Wireless Data Communications," Madison, 2001.
- University of Wisconsin, College of Engineering, Department of Engineering & Professional Development, "Fundamentals of Cellular & PSC Wireless Communications," Madison, 2000.
- Andrew Seybolt's CTIA Wireless Data University, San Jose Convention, 2000.
- Andrew Seybolt's CTIA Wireless Data University, New Orleans Convention, 2000.
- Focus Louisville (Civic Leadership Training Institute), 1994.
- Basic Certification, Kentucky Institute for Economic Development, 1991.

Opinion Author:

- Special Kentucky Supreme Court Justice, Beale vs. Faultless Hardware, Ky., 837 S.W.2d 893 (1992).

Speaker & Course Materials Author (Summary):

- Speaker & course materials author for more than 150 continuing education seminar programs on ethics, due process, planning & zoning topics in 2003-2007 in Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio & Tennessee for the Kentucky League of Cities, Kentucky Association of Counties, Kentucky Chapter of the American Planning Association, National Business Institute, Lorman Education Services, Area Development Districts & localities.

Speaker & Course Materials Author (Detailed):

- Lincoln County/Cedar Creek Planning Commission Training, “Ethics & Due Process in Zoning," "Top 10 Ways to be Sued," "Planning Essentials," Stanford, Kentucky, 2007.
- Kentucky Association of Counties, Planning & Zoning Training, "The Basics of Planning & Zoning," "Cell Tower Basics & Placement," & "Top 10 Ways to Get Sued & Lose," London & Lexington, Kentucky, 2007.
- Kentucky League of Cities, Planning & Zoning Training, "Legal Landscape" including: “Ethics & Dues Process," "Cell Tower Regulation - Do’s and Don’ts,” & “Litigation Top 10," Calvert City & Columbia, Kentucky, 2007.
- Tennessee Municipal Attorneys Association, “Ethics in Zoning,” & “Regulating Wireless Communications Facilities in Tennessee,” Franklin, Tennessee, 2007.
- Russell Springs, Planning & Zoning Training, “New Planning Laws & Cases,” Russell Springs, Kentucky, 2007.
- Kentucky League of Cities, Planning & Zoning Training, "Legal Landscape" including: “Ethics & Dues Process," "Cell Tower Regulation - Do’s and Don’ts,” & “Litigation Top 10," Crestview Hills, Kentucky, 2007.
- Kentucky League of Cities City Officials Academy, Planning & Zoning Training, "The KLC Public Officials Legal Resource Guide - Planning & Zoning Law," Bowling Green, Kentucky, 2007.
- Wilson County Tennessee Planning Commission & City/County Officials, Planning & Zoning Training, "Regulation of Cell Towers & Wireless Communications Facilities,” Lebanon, Tennessee, 2006.
- Denali Borough Planning Commission, Planning & Zoning Training, “Comprehensive Planning,” “Ethics & Due Process,” “History of Planning,” & “Meeting Procedures,” Denali, Alaska, 2006.
- 3 State (Indiana, Ohio & Kentucky) American Planning Association Conference, Planning & Zoning Training, “Regulating Cell Towers - What You Need to Know," Cincinnati, Ohio, 2006.
- Lorman Education Services, CLE Seminar, Advanced Zoning & Land Use in Kentucky, "Ethics & Due Process in Zoning," & “Regulating Cell Towers,” Bowling Green, Kentucky, 2006.
- Hamblen County Supervisors & Planning Commission, Planning & Zoning Training, "Regulation of Cell Towers & Wireless Communications Facilities,” Morristown, Tennessee, 2006.
- Lorman Education Services, CLE Seminar, Zoning, Subdivision and Land Development Law in Tennessee, "Regulation of Cell Towers & Wireless Communications Facilities,” Nashville, Tennessee, 2006.
- Kentucky Association of Counties, Planning & Zoning Training, "Cell Tower Placements on Public Properties - Win-Win Solutions," & "New Laws & New Cases in Land Use - The Rules Have Changed," Frankfort, Maysville, Cave City & Kentucky Dam Village, 2006.
- National Business Institute, CLE Seminar, "Current Issues Update for Cell Tower & Wireless Communications Zoning," & "Ethical Considerations & Hot Topics for 2006," Louisville, 2006.
- National Business Institute, CLE Seminar, "Current Issues in Cell Tower & Wireless Communications Zoning," & "Ethical Considerations & Hot Topics," Lexington, 2006.
- Kentucky League of Cities, Planning & Zoning Training, "The Rules Have Changed - New Cases & Laws in Planning," "Cell Towers in Parks & on Other Public Properties," Mt. Sterling, 2006.
- Kentucky League of Cities, Planning & Zoning Training, "The Rules Have Changed - New Cases & Laws in Planning,“ Berea & London, 2006.
- Triple S Planning Commission Training, “Current Issues in Cell Tower & Wireless Communications Zoning," Shelbyville, Kentucky 2006.
- Kentuckiana Regional Planning & Development Agency (“KIPDA”) Training, “10 Best Ways to Get Sued,” “Regulating Cell Towers & Wireless Communications,” Louisville, Kentucky 2006.
- Buffalo Trace Area Development District Training, “Planning Essentials,” “House Bill 55,” “Wireless Regulations & Technology,” Vanceburg, Kentucky, 2006
- Lorman Education Services, CLE Seminar, Zoning & Land Use in Kentucky, "Ethics in Zoning," Lexington, Kentucky, 2006.
- Lorman Education Services, CLE Seminar, Zoning & Land Use in Kentucky, "Cell Tower & Wireless Communications Zoning," “Ethics for The Planning & Zoning Practitioner,” Louisville, Kentucky, 2006.
- Kentucky Airport Zoning Commission, “Wireless Regulation & Cell Tower Placement," Frankfort, 2006..
- Harrodsburg & Mercer County Planning Commission HB 55 Training, "Ethics," "Zoning Litigation Top Ten," "Due Process," & "Wireless Regulations," Harrodsburg, 2005.
- Kentucky League of Cities, Planning & Zoning Training, "Ethics," "Zoning Litigation Top Ten," & "Due Process," Richmond, 2005.

- Lorman Education Services, CLE Seminar, Zoning & Land Use in Tennessee, "Regulating Cell Towers & Wireless Communications as a Land Use," Knoxville, Nashville & Memphis, Tennessee, 2005.
- Kentucky Association of Counties, Planning & Zoning Training, "Ethics, Due Process & Proper Procedures," & "Wireless Regulations," Kentucky Dam Village, Maysville, London & Lexington, 2005.
- Kentucky League of Cities, Planning & Zoning Training, "Kentucky General Assembly Update," Ethics & the Better Angels of Our Nature," & "How To Avoid A Lawsuit," Elkton, 2005.
- Kentucky League of Cities, Planning & Zoning Training, "Kentucky General Assembly Update," Ethics," "HB 55" & "Zoning Litigation Top 10," Columbia, 2005.
- Lorman Education Services, CLE Seminar, Zoning & Land Use in Tennessee, "Regulating Cell Towers & Wireless Communications as a Land Use," Memphis, Tennessee, 2005.
- Kentucky League of Cities, Planning & Zoning Training, "Kentucky General Assembly Update," Ethics," "Map Amendments" & "Zoning Litigation Top 10," Marion, 2005.
- Logan Joint Cities & County Planning Commission, "Comprehensive Planning In Depth," "Ethics," "HB 55 Continuing Education Requirements In Planning," "Planning Essentials," & "Identifying & Assessing Liability Risks for Elected & Appointed Officials in Land Use Matters," Russellville, 2005.
- Kentucky League of Cities City Officials Academy, Planning & Zoning Training, "The KLC Public Officials Legal Resource Guide - Planning & Zoning Law," Lexington, 2005.
- Barren River Area Development District, Planning & Zoning Training, “Planning Ethics," Bowling Green, 2004.
- Buffalo Trace Area Development District, Planning & Zoning Training, “Identifying & Assessing Liability Risks for Elected & Appointed Officials in Land Use Matters," Maysville, 2004.
- Bluegrass Area Development District, Planning & Zoning Training, “Identifying & Assessing Liability Risks for Elected & Appointed Officials in Land Use Matters," "Role of the Board of Adjustments," "Ethics," "Planning & Zoning: Past, Present & Future Challenges," & “Annexation,” Lexington, 2004.
- Russell Springs, Planning & Zoning Training, “Ethics for its Own Sake & to Avoid Being Sued” & “Cell Towers - What You Need to Know to Properly Administer Effective Regulations,” Russell Springs, Kentucky, 2004.
- National Business Institute, CLE Seminar, "Fundamental Zoning & Land Use Actions," "Judicial Challenges to Rezoning Decisions," & "Ethical Issues," Louisville, 2003.
- Kentucky Association of Counties, Planning & Zoning Training, “Wireless Communications & Regulations - 2004 & Beyond" & "General Assembly Update," Kentucky Dam Village, Mammoth Cave, London & Ft. Mitchell, 2004.
- Buffalo Trace Area Development District, Planning & Zoning Training, “Regulating Cell Towers as a Land Use,“ “Legislative Update” & “Ethics,” Maysville, 2004.
- Lorman Education Services, CLE Seminar, Zoning & Land Use in Tennessee, "Regulating Cell Towers & Wireless Communications as a Land Use," Memphis, Tennessee, 2004.
- Kentucky League of Cities, Planning & Zoning Training, “What is Land Use Law” & “Zoning Litigation," Grayson, 2004.
- Kentucky League of Cities, Planning & Zoning Training, "Ethics & Due Process," "Advanced Wireless Communications," & "Kentucky General Assembly Update," Stanford & Pikeville, 2004.
- Kentucky League of Cities, Planning & Zoning Training, "Ethics & Due Process," "Advanced Wireless Communications," & "Role of the Board of Adjustments," Cadiz, 2004.
- Kentucky League of Cities, Planning & Zoning Training, "HB55" & "Ethics," Carrollton, 2003.
- Lorman Education Services, CLE Seminar, Zoning & Land Use in Kentucky, "Regulation of Wireless Communications Facilities As A Land Use," "Mandatory Continuing Education for Planners: What Does House Bill 55 Require & How Has It Contributed To Planning In Kentucky?" & "Ethical Considerations For The Planning & Zoning Practitioner," Bowling Green, 2003.
- Kentucky Association of Counties, Planning & Zoning Training, “Ethics – the Better Angels of our Nature” & “Advanced Wireless Communications,” & “Zoning Litigation Top 10,” Kentucky Dam Village State Park, Bowling Green, London & Ft. Mitchell, 2003.
- Kentucky Association of Counties, Planning & Zoning Training, “Ethics – the Better Angels of our Nature” & “Advanced Wireless Communications,” Lexington, 2003.
- Kentucky League of Cities, Planning & Zoning Training, “Ethics” & “Advanced Wireless Communications,” Augusta, Lagrange & Paintsville, 2003.
- National Business Institute, CLE Seminars, "Major Land Use Laws in Kentucky," Louisville, 2003.
- National Business Institute, CLE Seminars, "Land Use Planning & Eminent Domain in Ohio," Cincinnati, Ohio, 2003.
- Kentucky League of Cities, Planning & Zoning Training, “Due Process & Ethics,” Mt. Sterling, Elkton & Berea, 2003.
- Kentucky League of Cities, Planning & Zoning Training, “Ethics” & “What is Land Use Law?,” Columbia, 2003.
- Kentucky League of Cities Annual Convention, Planning Education Workshop, “Like It or Not, You are in the Cell Tower Regulating Business,” Covington, 2002.
- Kentucky League of Cities Annual Convention, Municipal Attorneys CLE Seminar, “Ready or Not, You are Regulating Cell Towers,” Covington, 2002.
- Triple S Planning Commission, Planning & Zoning Training, “Cell Tower & Wireless Communications Zoning Under HB 270,” Shelbyville, 2002.
- Kentucky League of Cities, Planning & Zoning Training, “Cell Tower & Wireless Communications Zoning Under HB 270” & “Ethics,” Calvert City, Elizabethtown & Berea, 2002.

- Kentucky Association of Counties, Planning & Zoning Training, "Regulating Cell Towers Under The New Kentucky Statutes" & “Ethics: For Its Own Sake & To Avoid Being Sued,” Bowling Green, Lexington, London & Land Between the Lakes, 2002.
- Lorman Education Services, Zoning & Land Use in Kentucky CLE Seminar, "Cell Tower & Wireless Communications Zoning" & "Ethics for the Planning & Zoning Practitioner," Louisville, 2002.
- Jefferson Community College, Guest Speaker for RE 204 Land Planning & Development, "The Unwired World," Louisville, 2001.
- Lincoln Trail Area Development District & Lincoln Trail Regional Planning Council, “Managing the Wireless Revolution,” Elizabethtown, 2001.
- National Business Institute, CLE Seminars, "Land Use Law Update in Kentucky: Land Use Litigation & Ethics in Land Use Law," Lexington & Louisville, 2001.
- Ohio Planning Conference, State Convention, "Information Technology & Urban Spatial Patterns," Akron, Ohio, 2001.
- Kentucky Municipal Clerks Association, Master Municipal Clerks Institute, "Planning for the Wireless Internet & Other Technological Advances," Lexington, 2001.
- Joint Seminars for Kentucky Association of Counties, Kentucky League of Cities & Kentucky Chapter of the American Planning Association, Planning & Zoning Training, "Emerging Trends in Telecommunications Technology," Glasgow, Paducah, Lexington, Fort Mitchell & Somerset, 2001.
- Citizens for Open Government, "Planning Ethics & Due Process," Frankfort, 2001.
- Medina County Planning Commission & Ohio State Extension Offices, "Regulating Telecommunications Facilities," Medina, Ohio, 2001.
- Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission, "Ethics Issues," Owensboro, 2001.
- Warrick County Planning Commission, Planning & Zoning Training, "Planning Theory, Due Process & Ethics," Boonville, Indiana, 2001.
- Kentucky Airport Zoning Commission, "The Unwired World," Frankfort, 2001.
- Warrick County Area Planning Commission, Board of Appeals & Elected Officials, "Managing the Wireless Revolution," Boonville, 2000.
- Kentucky Municipal Clerks Association, Master Municipal Clerks Academy, "Planning for the Wireless Internet & Other Technological Advances," Carrollton, 2000.
- 3 State American Planning Association Conference, “Are Telecommunications Ringing Loudly in Your Community," Columbus, Ohio, 2000.
- Communities at the Crossroads III, "Hot Topics in Planning: Cell Towers," Indianapolis, Indiana, 2000.
- Kentucky Association of Counties, County Officials Leadership Institute, Planning & Zoning Training, "Planning for the Wireless Internet & other New Services," Paducah, Owensboro, Paintsville, London & Frankfort, 2000.
- National Business Institute, CLE Seminars, "Major Land Use Laws in Kentucky," Lexington & Louisville, 2000.
- Kentucky Chapter of the American Planning Association Training Seminar for City of Mayfield Planning Commission, "Due Process & Ex Parte," Mayfield, 2000.
- Kentucky Chapter of the American Planning Association, Training Seminar for McCracken County Planning Commission, "Due Process & Ex Parte," Paducah, 2000.
- Kentucky League of Cities, Planning & Zoning Training, "What You Need to Consider in Implementing HB 168," Ft. Mitchell, Lexington & Madisonville, 2000.
- Virginia Institute for Planning Commissioners & Virginia Certified Planning Commissioners, "Managing the Wireless Revolution," Virginia, 1999.
- Owensboro Planning Commission, "What You Need to Consider in Implementing HB168," Owensboro, 1999.
- Kentucky League of Cities, Planning & Zoning Training, "What You Need to Consider in Implementing HB168," Lexington & Elizabethtown, 1999.
- Radcliff Planning Commission, "Kentucky Planning Commissions & the Wireless Revolution," Radcliff, 1999.
- Kentucky Chapter of the American Planning Association, Annual Conference, "Harnessing the Internet for Planning Research," 1999.
- Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission, Regional Training Seminar, "Regulating the Wireless Industry - Pitfalls in Implementing HB168," Ft. Mitchell, 1999.
- Lorman Education Services, "Kentucky Real Estate Practice for Paralegals," Louisville, 1998.
- Kentucky Chapter of the American Planning Association Conference, "Managing the Wireless Revolution," 1998.
- Kentucky Crushed Stone Association Annual Summer Convention, "Zoning Challenges," Louisville, 1998.
- National Business Institute, CLE Seminar, "Land Use Law Update," Lexington, 1998.
- National Business Institute, CLE Seminar, "Land Use Planning & Eminent Domain in Kentucky," Lexington, 1997.
- "Environmental Law Update & Trends in Public Relations," 50th Anniversary Summer Convention of Kentucky Crushed Stone Association, Nashville, Tennessee, 1994.
- Bullitt County Planning Commission Continuing Education Seminars, Shepherdsville, 1993 & 1994.
- Environmental Section, Kentucky Agricultural Summit, Louisville, 1993.