

2016 Land Records Modernization Conference

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

Tentative Program

8:00-9:00 Registration and Exhibits

9:00-12:00 **The Surveyor's Judicial Role (Part One)***
Gary Kent, PS, The Schneider Corporation

Only two persons can truly resolve a disputed boundary or title problem. Those persons do not include attorneys, title companies or surveyors. And, in a sense, they do not even include judges and juries - at least not of their own volition. This program explores the role that the professional surveyor can, and arguably should, take in helping property owners establish or maintain their common boundary in the location that they were perfectly satisfied with - at least until the surveyor showed up! We will look at the role of the surveyor as related to boundaries, not only from a statutory standpoint, but also as eloquently expressed by renowned Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas Cooley in his seminal 1881 treatise "The Judicial Function of Surveyors." As a part of this, we will review the dynamic that exists between matters of title and matters of survey, including a close look at title insurance. We will also review several examples that demonstrate the problem, and offer an alternative to what is often the standard approach by surveyors. We will outline a new approach that has the surveyor helping property owners avoid the expense and angst of unnecessarily litigating boundaries when there has been acquiescence to an accepted line by both owners.

12:00 Lunch

12:45-4:15 **The Surveyor's Judicial Role (Part Two)***
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1:45-2:15 Dessert Break in the Exhibit Area

4:15 Adjourn

*All sessions have been recommended for CPD credit for a total of 6 surveying CPD hours.