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WESTERN PLACES/WESTERN SPACES

BUILDING FAIR AND RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

Across the West, communities large and small are grappling with change. Our largest cities are thriving, but gentrification is making urban living unaffordable for many. As suburban communities transition towards more compact development and public transit, they are starting to lose the small town appeal that attracted so many. Rural communities struggle to balance their wild and rustic roots in the face of a changing economy. Set against a backdrop of increased risks associated with long-term drought, violent storms, flooding, and wildfire, the West is embracing its latest challenges.

The 2015 RMLUI Conference focuses on the innovative ways cities and towns across the West are building more resilient, equitable, and vital communities. The theme addresses how we can meet the many challenges of the future—including threats posed by climate change, a modern economy, and demographic shifts—while better addressing issues of social and environmental justice. The featured track focuses on resilience. In the wake of fires, flood, and on-going drought, communities across the West are thinking about resilience in many different contexts as they work both to rebuild and to mitigate future risks.

ABOUT THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN LAND USE INSTITUTE

The Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute seeks to elevate the law, policy and practice of sustainable development in the West to promote nature-friendly, prosperous and equitable communities. Through innovative research, education and professional development programs and its renowned annual conference, the Institute trains and connects students and professionals across disciplines, sectors and regions to build the sustainable development field while creating new possibilities for the future of the West's landscapes and livelihoods.

ABOUT THE STURM COLLEGE OF LAW

The University of Denver Sturm College of Law is a top 100 law school with nationally ranked programs in environmental and natural resources law, legal writing, clinical training, international law, trial advocacy and tax law. At the heart of the law school's mission is the integration of skills and professional identity with a balanced curriculum. Our goal is to graduate practice-ready, client-focused students who understand and embrace the responsibilities of legal practice, both as a representative of the client and as a professional committed to improvement of the law and the community.

ETHICS FOR PLANNERS & LAWYERS

MURPHY MOUNTAIN WANTS A PLAN FOR ITS BIRTHDAY: THE AICP ETHICS CASE OF THE YEAR

DESCRIPTION

Join us as we wind through the ethical questions surrounding the development of a master plan for the town of Murphy Mountain. The Murphy Mountain saga is told in six parts, with each scenario evolving over time and growing more complicated. In this highly interactive session, we will pause after each scenario for audience discussion about the applicability of the AICP Code of Ethics. The Murphy Mountain cast of characters includes the usual suspects—planners, attorneys, consultants, property rights groups, no growth advocates and more. The speakers discuss issues such as conflict of interest, charges of a wired selection process and the dilemma of incomplete work.

SPEAKER INFORMATION

SPEAKERS:

Joanne Garnett

Partner, Orion Planning Group
Sheridan, WY

Joanne Garnett, FAICP, is a partner with Orion Planning Group and has over 30 years of experience in public and private sector planning. Her focus is on comprehensive and long range plans, as well as assistance to local governments for special studies. She is a past national president of both the American Institute of Certified Planners and American Planning Association and routinely participates as a speaker at national and state planning conferences.

Mary Kay Peck

Founding Principal, MKPeck Associates
Clearwater, FL

Mary Kay Peck, FAICP, founding principal of MKPeck Associates, specializes in leadership development, organizational effectiveness and training for emerging professionals. Peck builds on experience as a city manager, assistant city manager, and planning director. Her efforts have resulted in national recognition for performance improvement, customer service, organizational excellence and development service center operation. As president of the American Planning Association, Peck led the organization's first communication plan and membership growth strategy. She has presented nationally and internationally on leadership, management and planning. Ms. Peck serves as an adjunct faculty member at St. Petersburg College where she teaches an introductory urban planning course.

ETHICS FOR LAND USE LAWYERS

DESCRIPTION

The practice of land use law presents many ethical conundrums because of the very local, and often informal, nature of the work. This session will explore ethical issues that arise from various types of ex parte communications, whether and how to “cure” improper communication, how to deal with (un)represented staff, the use of social media, and dealing with repeat players.

SPEAKER INFORMATION

SPEAKERS:

Nancy Rodgers

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Nancy Rodgers is a partner at the firm of Kissinger & Fellman, P.C. where she focuses on general legal advisement, employment litigation, administrative and regulatory proceedings, and business to business lawsuits. In her local government practice, Ms. Rodgers works with many municipalities on employment, open records/open meetings, ADA compliance, telecommunication, and technology issues, including the emerging use of social media in the workplace. She is an active member of the Colorado Municipal League, the International Municipal Lawyers Association, and the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors. She was recognized as the 2013 Outstanding Town Attorney by the Metro City Attorney Association; a 2014 Rising Star; and a 2015 Top Lawyer in Transportation Law. Ms. Rodgers is a member of the Colorado and Denver Bar Associations. She serves on the Executive Committee of the William E. Doyle Inn of the Court, and is a Board member of the Colorado Women's Bar Association.

Carolynne White

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Carolynne White is co-chair of the firm’s Real Estate Department. Her specialty is managing complex and challenging projects and navigating multiple regulatory environments for optimal outcomes for clients. Her practice focuses primarily on the zoning and entitlement process, with an emphasis on complex projects involving redevelopment, infill, brownfields, urban renewal, eminent domain, mixed use, transit-oriented development, PIFs and other public financing tools, and special challenges such as historic preservation. Ms. White also serves as special and general counsel to a variety of governmental and quasi-governmental entities, such as urban renewal authorities, special districts, and redevelopment authorities.