

**Condemnation Summit XX Speaker Bios
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Chris Kramer's practice emphasizes eminent domain litigation, primarily the representation of condemning authorities. He has handled projects including major urban freeway corridors, such as the Red Mountain and Sky Harbor freeways; traffic interchanges; roadway expansions such as State Route 179 through Oak Creek and Sedona; and has condemned property throughout Arizona for roads, bridges, transit (including light rail), flood control, parks, wetlands, airports, public buildings, and utilities. Mr. Kramer's practice includes assisting clients with right of way and property valuation issues arising during a project, from design through completion. These issues may include such matters as obtaining right of way clearances; utility prior rights; relocation assistance; compliance with federal and state regulations; coordination with other stakeholders and governmental entities; and preparation of appropriate documentation.

Jennifer Cranston is a shareholder at the law firm of Gallagher & Kennedy. Over the past 17 years, she has developed a unique practice spanning three distinct areas of the law: real estate disputes involving condemnation and valuation issues; insurance coverage analysis and bad faith litigation; and public utility regulation. Jennifer has an AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating from Martindale-Hubbell and was recognized earlier this year as one of the Top 100 Lawyers in Arizona by Arizona Business Magazine and as one of AZRE's People to Know in Commercial Real Estate. In her condemnation practice, she has experience representing both condemners and private property owners, including representation of landowners who obtained two of the largest condemnation verdicts in the history of Arizona.

Shelley Row, professional engineer and former executive, is a leadership decision-making expert...and recovering over-thinker. Today, she speaks and writes on *infotuition*[®] - the intersection of business pragmatics and gut feel. Shelley's work combines her executive experience, results from interviews with 77 executives, and neuroscience to bring this powerful skill to you. Her work has been featured in *Forbes*, *Fast Company*, *HuffPost Business* and *Smartblog on Leadership*. She studied with the NeuroLeadership Institute and is the author of *Think Less, Live More. Lessons from a Recovering Over-Thinker*. Learn more at www.shelleyrow.com and follow her on Twitter @ShelleyRow.

James Braselton's practice at Dickinson Wright is focused on eminent domain litigation, but also includes related valuation and real estate related litigation such as property tax appeals, boundary disputes and real estate purchase contract disputes. With regard to condemnation, depending upon the project, Mr. Braselton represents both property owners and acquiring agencies. In so doing, his perspective, unlike many of his peers, is informed by an understanding of the objectives typically sought by both the condemner (generally a governmental entity) and the condemnee (property owner).

Vail Cloar is an associate in Dickinson Wright's Litigation and Appellate departments. His practice primarily consists of eminent domain matters, municipal litigation, legal malpractice defense litigation, complex commercial litigation, and appellate litigation.

Laura Curry is an associate at Jennings Strouss Salmon where her practice is focused on eminent domain work. She represents condemning authorities, acquiring or condemning property for the expansion of roads, parkways and utilities. She advises clients in all aspects of civil litigation, including motion practice, discovery, trial and appeals.

Carl Dietz is a designated member of the Appraisal Institute (MAI), and has been involved in real estate valuation, consulting, and litigation support for nearly 15 years. He has been involved in several complex assignments where market value may have been affected as a result of an externality, such as environmental contamination, including matters where the valuation of multiple properties were alleged to have been affected. He has experience working with experts from other disciplines, such as engineers and Ph.D. economists, to solve the valuation problem. He has also given expert testimony in deposition and trial.

Joe Acosta, Jr. has been an Assistant Attorney General since 1979, primarily representing the Arizona Department of Transportation in eminent domain and construction matters. Mr. Acosta graduated from Stanford Law School in 1978.

Amy Tracey brings more than a decade of experience in right of way negotiations, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) regulations and procedures, project and contract management, and Uniform Act compliance. Ms. Tracey has worked extensively with public agencies, including the City of Tucson. Prior to joining Tierra, she served as a consultant to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, FHWA, and the New Jersey Department of Transportation. At Tierra, Ms. Tracey serves as a Project Manager for Relocation Assistance and is responsible for the management and mentoring of Tucson Right of Way staff related to relocation activities. She also has experience performing right of way acquisitions, performing complex relocations for multiple agency projects, developing process and policy improvements, providing quality assurance for all relocation activities, and reviewing and approving all relocation determinations and claims prepared by Tierra's staff.

Jay Van Echo is a professional engineer and environmental scientist with 35 years of experience in the transportation industry in Arizona and several other western states. Jay holds Bachelor of Science degrees from the University of Arizona in Civil Engineering and Renewable Natural Resources with graduate work in Soils and Water Engineering. He is a past president of the Southern Chapter of the National Society of Professional Engineers and an active member of the Sonoran Chapter of the American Society of Highway Engineers.

As a 1979 environmental sciences graduate, a professional engineer since 1987, and former business owner, Mr. Van Echo has served as Project Manager and/or Principal Engineer on numerous projects in western United States for the United States Government Services Administration (GSA), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), CALTRANS, several local governments, and private entities. Previous positions included Regional Business Development

Director & Vice-President for AECOM; Tucson, Arizona Office Operations Manager for DMJM-Harris, and; Owner-Operator & Board of Directors for Entranco Engineers, Inc.

Currently, Jay is Arizona Department of Transportation's Senior Project Manager for the I-11 Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement and Alternative Selection Report. Jay lives in Pima County, Arizona with his wife surrounded by 10 grandchildren and 43+/- Oberhasli Dairy Goats as a gentleman farmer and rancher (www.sirechofarm.com).

Myrlene Francis is the Right of Way Manager for the Southern Arizona Division of Tierra Right of Way Services, Ltd. She has 21 years of experience in public Right of Way Management, beginning her career with the Town of Marana Public Works Department in 1996. In 2007, Myrlene joined the Tierra Team to manage the completion of the Acquisition and Relocation activities for the first RTA delivered project, the Twin Peaks Traffic Interchange. Myrlene obtained her Senior Right of Way Agent (SR/WA) Designation from the International Right of Way Association (IRWA) in October 2010. Over the past 10 years, Myrlene has supported the delivery of 14 of the 20 Pima County RTA funded projects listed in the first and second period of the RTA "Our Mobility" Program. Myrlene now focuses on the management of Tierra's Southern Arizona Right of Way Division including business development, project management, and the implementation of complex projects under the Federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act (Uniform Act).

Gerald Zaddack has a B.S. Degree in Management Information Systems. In 1990, Mr. Zaddack earned the MAI designation from the Appraisal Institute. In 1996, Mr. Zaddack was invited to membership in the Counselors of Real Estate (CRE), the organization for the most trusted advisors in real estate. Prior to entering the appraisal profession in 1986, Mr. Zaddack was a computer system analyst and helped design one of the first and largest integrated real estate/word processing systems in the United States.

Charles Grombacher is a program manager at Overland, Pacific, & Cutler, Inc. where he responsible for the management of critical paths for right of way projects. He has over 35 years of experience in real property and eminent domain law including public acquisition and relocation assistance services. He is an expert in commercial and industrial acquisition and complex relocation issues, and has provided acquisition and relocation assistance services for the Arizona, California and Nevada Departments of Transportation. Mr. Grombacher has defended complex business relocation suits as counsel and has provided expert consulting services in several relocation suits. Past projects include Task Lead for right of way services for Phase I and Program Manager for NDOT's Project Neon, a freeway improvement project that addresses short and long-term transportation needs for the I-15 corridor, Program Manager for the Centennial Corridor Project in Central California, and Delivery Manager for California High Speed Rail Projects. Mr. Grombacher is licensed to practice law in Arizona, Minnesota, and Illinois, and is a licensed real estate broker in Arizona. While a majority of his acquisition and relocation work has been performed under the URA for transportation, housing, and LPA projects, he has also acquired both transmission and distribution easements for electrical utilities.

Barbara Rodriguez-Pashkowski is a partner at Gust Rosenfeld where she chairs the firm's Diversity Committee and concentrates her practice on environmental law, including UST matters, due diligence,

air quality, water quality, RCRA, CERCLA, and WQARF. She brings to her clients years of experience including UST and State Assurance Fund compliance and appeals, air quality and water quality permitting and regulatory compliance, asbestos compliance, RCRA regulatory compliance, state and federal Superfund and litigation, environmental rule writing and legislation. Barbara works with various federal, state, and local governmental entities and private companies on a broad range of environmental issues.

Prior to joining Gust Rosenfeld, Barbara worked in the Environmental Enforcement Section of the Arizona Attorney General's office as Chief Counsel for the Air, Game and Fish, Underground Storage Tanks and Agriculture (AGUA) Unit. She represented the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality in administrative hearings, litigation and litigation coordination, rule writing, legislation, the negotiation of complex environmental settlements, and training for its state Superfund, UST, State Assurance Fund and air quality programs.

Ray English is currently the Assistant Dean, Office of Career and Employment Services, at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University. Prior to joining ASU, Ray served as the Associate Director of Career Services at Georgia State University College of Law. He attended Wentworth Military Junior College and was recognized as a Distinguish Military Graduate, receiving a commission in the U.S. Army Reserve. Ray received his B.S. from The Ohio State University and his Juris Doctor from Howard University School of Law, where he graduated cum laude. He served six years as a Staff Judge Advocate in the U.S. Air Force. Upon leaving the military, Ray served as an Assistant Professor of Law teaching criminal law and litigation skills at the Appalachian School of Law. Ray moved to Atlanta, Georgia where he was an attorney/policy advisor for the Atlanta City Council and the Managing Director for a national legal staffing firm. Ray has been appointed to serve on the National Association of Law Placement (NALP) Board of Directors, elected to serve on the NALP Nominating Committee and has been selected to present at the NALP Annual Education Conference on numerous occasions on diversity issues. He also provides CLE presentations on implicit bias and competency.