

Agenda

Understanding Land Use Law

N. Sterett

- Comprehensive planning
- Zoning
- Nuisance
- Land use approvals
- Variances
- Administrative appeals

The Law of Easements

L. Opalewski

- Restrictive covenants/deed restrictions vs. easements
- Understanding the legal concept of easements
- Types of easements
- Creating easements
- Terminating easements

Boundary Law

D. Dalton

- Understanding basic principles of boundary law
- Determine the intent of the grantor
- Evaluating boundary evidence
- Methods for resolving boundary disputes

Understanding Adverse Possession

A. Reuter

- Maintaining a claim for adverse possession
- Elements of a claim
- Statute of limitations
- Defending against a claim for adverse possession

Understanding Riparian and Water Rights

A. Nucho

- Determining land boundaries near the water line
- Determining access rights to surface waters
- Determining rights to groundwater

Ethical Issues in Land Transactions and Development

D. P. Dalton

- Accommodating the interests of property owners
- Enforcing environmental protections
- Local control: is it necessary and who benefits

Closing and review

D. P. Dalton

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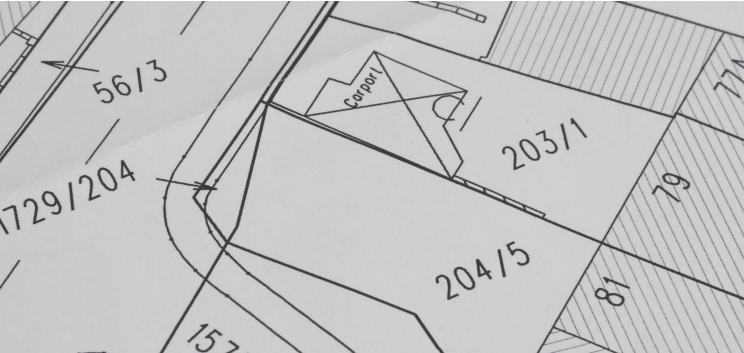
- Understand** how governments regulate land use using comprehensive planning and zoning.
- Learn** how easements are created, used and terminated.
- Identify** basic principles of boundary law, and evaluate boundary evidence.
- Understand** adverse possession, and discuss how to defend against adverse possession claims.
- Review** rules for determining land boundaries at the water line, and determine access rights to surface waters.



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- Understand** comprehensive planning and zoning regulations
- Learn** about the legal concept of adverse possession
- Compare** restrictive covenants and easements
- Determine** boundaries near water bodies
- Examine** basic principles of boundary law

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A founder of Detroit-based Dalton & Tomich, PLC, Mr. Dalton has developed a national reputation as a tenacious and strategic litigator representing clients in the areas of land use and zoning litigation. He has a special focus on religious denominational splits and property disputes, representing religious institutions throughout the country in cases related to the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA), as well as local churches seeking to separate from their mainline denominations while retaining their property using denominational trust clauses. An accomplished speaker and legal writer, Mr. Dalton is the author of *Litigating Religious Land Use Cases*. Originally published by the American Bar Association in 2014 and updated for a second edition in 2016, the book is a guide for religious entities and the attorneys that represent them.

Noel W. Sterett *Attorney with Dalton & Tomich, PLC*
Mr. Sterett has helped religious institutions and assemblies navigate land use and zoning laws for over a decade. The core of his practice is devoted to ensuring people are free to serve God and their neighbors in their communities and in the marketplace. He has helped win dozens of religious land use cases in federal courts across the country, enabling his clients to use newly-purchased buildings and land to accomplish their noble missions. In addition to litigating religious land use cases, Mr. Sterett regularly advises religious groups on civil rights matters and how best to secure zoning for religious land uses. Mr. Sterett resides in Rockford, Illinois with his wife and five children.

Larry Opalewski *Attorney with Dalton & Tomich, PLC*
Mr. Opalewski is a senior associate at Dalton & Tomich. He specializes in land use and zoning law, as well as riparian rights. Larry also represents religious organizations in land use matters. Mr. Opalewski has been selected as a “rising star” by *Super Lawyers* magazine from 2017-2020 in the area of litigation. He represents clients in litigation as well as in front of planning commissions and zoning boards. In his spare time, Mr. Opalewski enjoys sports and the outdoors with his family.

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Mr. Reuter has been litigating real estate, land use, and zoning cases across the state of Michigan for his entire career. He has successfully represented individuals and developers appearing before federal courts, state tribunals, municipalities, and agency boards. Mr. Reuter specializes in representing property owners in all facets of real estate matters, from constitutional and other federal claims to boundary disputes and enforcing easements and associated water rights (riparian rights). Mr. Reuter has helped countless landowners protect their rights under Michigan law and is an expert in both litigation and pre-suit resolution of property disputes. He has been selected as a “Rising Star” by *Super Lawyers* magazine from 2019-2020 in the area of litigation. In his spare time, he enjoys boating on Lake Michigan with his family.

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Mr. Nucho is an attorney at Dalton & Tomich’s main Detroit office. His practice focuses on a wide range of litigation matters, as well as various business transactions and disputes. Mr. Nucho has a special interest in surface water rights and boundary lines of waterfront properties, especially because Michigan has more than 11,000 inland lakes. In his free time, he enjoys going to Stoney Creek Metropark in Shelby Township, Michigan, where he kayaks in and bikes around Stoney Creek Lake.

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