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## Mark O. Sikes Named to Faculty for Eminent Domain Conference

**HOUSTON, TEXAS, Monday, March 4, 2013** — Mark O. Sikes, partner at Deal Sikes & Associates of Houston, has been named to the faculty of the CLE International's 3rd Annual Eminent Domain Conference.

Sikes will be speaking on the application of hypothetical conditions in the real estate appraisal process in eminent domain situations.

Deal Sikes & Associates, a national leader in eminent domain counseling and real estate valuation, has been involved in thousands of eminent domain situations in Texas and other states.

At the CLE International's Eminent Domain Conference in Houston in June, Sikes will be addressing the topic: "Project Influence, Access, Construction and Other Hypotheticals in Condemnation Appraisals."

"Some complexities arise when a governmental entity is taking a large commercial property, or a portion of such a property, through eminent domain," said Sikes. "The appraiser must be aware of necessary legal concepts when considering compensable elements of market value and market value loss, or damages to remaining property, when properly measuring just compensation."

The Eminent Domain continuing professional education conference will be attended by attorneys, judges, law students and government officials. CLE International is an established provider of continuing professional education programs throughout the United States and Canada.

Sikes has counseled and valued real property rights for hundreds of private property owners and public agencies for dispute resolution including right-of-way acquisitions and public improvement projects. He counseled and testified on behalf of the majority of property owners acquired by the State of Texas for the massive expansion of the Katy Freeway in Houston. With approximately 20 years of experience in real estate appraisal and consulting, Sikes has served as a testifying expert in federal and state courts and municipal and administrative proceedings.

Deal Sikes & Associates is a Houston-based firm that provides real estate valuation and counseling services for eminent domain initiatives, and real estate counseling and valuation services for governmental agencies, real estate companies, law firms and corporate clients across the nation.