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Deal makes presentation at International Eminent Domain Conference

HOUSTON, TEXAS, Friday, July 30, 2010 — Matthew C. Deal, CRE served on the faculty of the CLE Eminent Domain Conference in Houston, Texas. His presentation was titled “Utilizing the Appraiser as Acquisition Counselor.” Deal provided an overview of the acquisition process from the appraiser’s perspective, and highlighted numerous government projects for their successes and failures relating to protracted condemnation litigation. He outlined the successful acquisition program he helped create and implement for the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas (METRO). For this program, Deal Sikes & Associates acts as the acquisition counselor managing the appraisal process and counseling METRO through negotiations and, when required, litigation. For its expansion of light rail, METRO has acquired in excess of 400 parcels. Of these, less than 20% required litigation, far fewer than a recent and similar urban project where litigation was required for more than 80% of acquisitions.

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