

Utah Natural Hazards Legal Workshop
September 20-21, 2012
Doubletree Hotel
110 West 600 South
Salt Lake City, Utah

A special two day Utah Natural Hazards Legal Workshop will begin at 8:30 am MDT on September 20, 2012. This special workshop, sponsored by the State of Utah and the Natural Hazard Mitigation Association will bring together Utah experts and national engineering, planning, architectural and legal experts in a session designed to promote a safer more resilient future for communities. This event is designed for everyone involved in making community development decisions: Legal experts, community officials, developers, architects, engineers, government leaders, and floodplain managers are strongly encouraged to attend. This course teaches Natural Hazards and how they affect all aspects of community development, using both Utah and nationally recognized experts in the fields of law, planning, architecture & low impact design and engineering.

This workshop will:

- a) explain the ancient legal roots of the National Flood Insurance Program and “No Adverse Impact”, or “Safe Development”;
- b) demonstrate how floodplain management and other forms of regulation designed to prevent harm can be structured to avoid much, if not all, of the uncertainty surrounding the “Takings” issue;
- c) explain how property rights principles support floodplain and other natural hazard regulations;
- d) demonstrate that local floodplain management designed upon the “Safe Development” or “No Adverse Impact” concept is not anti-development but rather protects everyone’s property rights,
- e) examine legal risks for areas protected from flooding by dams and levees;
- f) demonstrate how to successfully negotiate towards a safer community future;
and
- g) explore opportunities for floodplain managers to work more closely with developers, architects, engineers and all others involved in community development to build a safer future for Utah and the entire Nation.

The Utah State Bar may also provide CLE credits for this course, on an individual basis to Attorneys who practice in this area of law. The Association of State Floodplain Managers will provide 12 CECs for Certified Floodplain Managers.

**For additional information, or to register, please contact either:
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