

Allen Smith is selected to 2008 Texas Super Lawyers

J. Allen Smith is featured in the October edition of Texas Monthly Magazine as one of the 2008 Super Lawyers in Texas. This is a select group of attorneys in the state based on a rigorous multi-step evaluation process that incorporates peer recognition and professional achievement. This is the second year that Mr. Smith has received this honor. Smith is the Chairman of the Commercial Litigation Section of the firm and has 24 years of trial practice experience and has been Board Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in the area of Civil Trial Practice for 16 years.

Marsha L. Dekan and Carl W. Morgan speak at "Fundamentals of Real Estate Closings" presented by Lorman Education Services

Marsha L. Dekan and Carl W. Morgan spoke at the 2008 edition of Lorman Education Services popular, annual presentation of "Fundamentals of Real Estate Closings" in Dallas, Texas, on January 29, 2008. Marsha spoke on the topic of "Interfacing with the Title Company," and Carl spoke on "Selected Title and Survey Issues." The seminar was attended by lawyers, lenders, brokers and other real estate professionals.

Barry Johnson speaks at "Collections and Creditor's Rights" course presented by State Bar of Texas

Barry Johnson spoke at the State Bar of Texas annual "Collections and Creditor's Rights" course in San Antonio Texas, May 9, 2008. Barry spoke on the topic of Recent Developments in Texas Foreclosure law and covered recent amendments to the Texas Property Code as well as recent court decisions affecting Texas Foreclosure law. Barry discussed the role of loss mitigation in the foreclosure process as well as certain pending Federal Legislation which could affect the loss mitigation and foreclosure time line. This seminar was attended by attorneys from throughout the State of Texas as part of the State Bar's continuing education series.

J. Allen Smith presents "The Federal Court's Vanishing Jurisdiction in Fifth Amendment Takings Litigation" to Legal Seminar in Puerto Rico

J. Allen Smith makes presentation to the Outdoor Advertising Association of America Legal Seminar in San Juan, Puerto Rico on March 4, 2008. The presentation was entitled "The Federal Court's Vanishing Jurisdiction in Fifth Amendment Takings Litigation" and addressed the United States Supreme Court case of San Remo Hotel, L. P. v City and County of San Francisco and related case law including recent applications before the Supreme Court in connection therewith. The seminar included attorneys across the United States addressing law on a national scope concerning the industry.

Bradford E. Adatto presents "Crash Course on Contracts" to business professionals at Bent Tree Country Club

Bradford E. Adatto of the Business Counsel Services Section presented a speech to business professionals at Bent Tree Country Club on October 17, 2007. The presentation was titled "Crash Course on Contracts." The presentation was on the basics of contracts and provided tips for business professionals in negotiating an effective contract. Brad also presented on the particular nuances of health law rules and regulations and the impact of these rules and regulations when negotiating contracts for physicians. Brad followed the presentation with a question and answer session to address the specific questions from the business professionals.

Jay Settle elected Vice Chair of the Real Property Section of the Dallas Bar Association



The Real Property Section of the Dallas Bar Association is a forum for real estate lawyers who practice in such areas as real estate lending, development, acquisition, disposition, leasing and other types of real estate related practice areas. The Section meets monthly and provides continuing legal education presentations on topics of current interest.

Bankers Digest publishes series of articles written by SettlePou attorneys.

Bankers Digest -- the leading weekly news magazine covering the banking industry in the Southwest -- has asked SettlePou to contribute monthly legal updates for the banking community. SettlePou's articles will cover a number of important issues in banking including bankruptcy reform, Uniform Commercial Code matters, loan closing issues, title insurance, home equity lending and other "hot" topics. Copies of these articles will be archived on this website.