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Interpreting Legal Documents

This course is ideal for assessment personnel, or any other government or private sector professionals dealing with real property ownership. The course is presented as a combination of lecture and discussion. The general topic headings cover a wide range of detailed subtopics, including easements, partial interests, death and estates, adverse possession, and deed types. (*The class goes into significant detail on legal descriptions, including curves.*)

Topics include:

- Legal descriptions, including an introduction to curves
- Nature of real property
- Interests in real property
- Co-ownership of real property and estates
- Title to real property
- Transferring and recording title to real estate
- Real estate financing instruments

Instructor: David Wallis, GISP, CMS

Date: Monday, July 28 – Tuesday, July 29 Location: Topaz Room (The Riverside Hotel)

Hours: 14 hours

Note: This workshop will require a minimum of 12 students.

**Please note that this instructor is from Washington. He indicates that while the laws in Washington and Idaho differ on some points, they are generally the same throughout the country on the interpretation of deeds and other conveyance documents. The instructor emphasizes that he is not giving legal advice in this class, and only offering suggestions to property tax professionals on how to read the recorded documents that affect the tax rolls as a part of the responsibilities in the assessor's office.

