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*Presents the Following
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Gary Kent, PLS*

**The Art of
Retracement
(Program will
Include 1HR of
Ethics)**

***SLSI Workshop
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**Scheman Center—
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AGENDA
Friday, January 13, 2023

7:30am	Registration
8:00am	PROGRAM
10:30am	Break
10:50am	PROGRAM ...(Cont.)
Noon	Lunch
1:00pm	PROGRAM...(Cont.)
2:15pm	Break
2:30pm	PROGRAM...(Cont.)
5:00pm	Adjourn
(8.0 PDHs Offered Including 1Hr of Ethics)	

Gary Kent Is Back To Present the Following:

The Art of Retracement

Every professional surveyor across the United States knows the phrase "Follow in the Footsteps" as it relates to conducting a boundary retracement survey. But what does that really mean, and what is the basis for following the footsteps? And exactly whose footsteps are we talking about? Surveyors also know the effect of the statute of frauds is that what is written in the conveyancing document is considered by the courts to be the highest and best expression of the parties' intentions.

But what happens when the evidence of the footsteps on the ground conflicts with the written title? What if there are seemingly no footsteps to follow? In this program we will explore the concept of retracement, how it relates to and is dependent on the document of conveyance, and

what controls when conflicts are inevitably encountered. When armed with a full understanding of the concept of retracement, surveyors will be much better equipped to help steer their clients (and their affected neighbors) away from the pain and cost of litigation, and towards an amicable solution based on well-placed confidence and understanding of their respective roles and responsibilities.

Abstract (1 PDH Ethics)

The responsibility of professional land surveyors — why they are ultimately licensed — is to safeguard the life, health, property and welfare of the public. It is the opinion of the presenter that the protection of the property and welfare of the public ultimately boils down to the preparation of real property descriptions and the con-

duct of original and retracement boundary surveys.

Among the many things that surveyors can do to protect the property and welfare of the public during their boundary work is to assure that they do not create, or needlessly perpetuate, conflicts with other surveyors. Additionally, clients should be fully informed about what the surveyor's work represents, and what it does not represent, especially with regard to ownership.

In this program, the obligations that surveyors have to their clients — through Iowa statutes, standards of practice, standards of integrity, continuing professional development, and especially the rules of professional conduct — will be explored as part and parcel of the retracement process.



Our Speaker:
Gary Kent, PLS

Gary Kent is a part-time Professional Surveyor with Schneider Geomatics, a land surveying and consulting engineering firm based in Indianapolis.

He is in his 37th year with the firm and upon his shift to part-time status, he formed Meridian Land Consulting, LLC in order to provide training, consulting and expert witness services.

Gary has served on the Indiana State Board of Registration for Professional Surveyors since 2004. He is frequently sought as an expert witness in cases involving boundaries, easements, riparian rights, survey standards and land surveying practice. He has presented programs on boundary law, easements and rights of way, surveying standards and practice, and leadership in all 50 states and three times in Europe. He is also a columnist for The American Surveyor magazine.

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