

Session Title:

Adjusting for Trees: Appraisal, Risk Assessment & Root Intrusion



Day/Time:

Tuesday, March 6th, 3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Location:

Garden 1 - 3
Liability Track

Session Description:

All trees pose at least some risk of failure in the landscape. Tree roots can encroach on neighboring properties and damage sewer lines and hardscape. Valuable landscape specimens can be damaged or destroyed, resulting in a need for an appraisal of the replacement or repair cost. This presentation addresses common issues faced by adjusters when dealing with tree-related losses.

Speaker 1:

James Komen, Consulting Arborist, Class One Arboriculture, Inc.

James Komen is a consulting arborist in California specializing in tree appraisal and tree risk assessment. He employs principles of finance and accounting to help clients make informed management decisions for individual trees and for tree inventories. His work has been published in *Arboriculture & Urban Forestry*, *Arboricultural Consultant*, and *Western Arborist*. He is an ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualification instructor and has taught workshops on tree appraisal around the U.S. and Canada.



Speaker 2:

Tim Cary, Managing Attorney, Stutman Law

Timothy E Cary is the managing attorney of the California office of Stutman Law, a nationwide firm specializing exclusively in the handling of property subrogation cases. Mr. Cary has extensive experience in insurance defense, coverage, and plaintiff personal injury. For the past 10 years he has focused exclusively on large property subrogation cases. He was plaintiff counsel in the only two published California appellate cases holding that damage resulting from falling trees may be recoverable in inverse condemnation.

