

Exemption Litigation: A Different Beast

Exemption Litigation typically will deal less with the valuation of the property and more about the constitutional or statutory provisions that exclude certain individuals, organizations, or types of activity from specific legal requirements or obligations to be valued, assessed or tax as other property. Similarly, the litigation of these properties centers around those specific legal criteria rather than differences in an opinion of value. This session will explore those differences and key insights and strategies to prepare exemption litigation.

Speakers

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Damian Lara brings a wealth of experience and perspective to his new role as Bernalillo County Assessor. His experience as a young person working the fields in eastern New Mexico and exposure to stark differences in the quality of life among neighboring communities inspired him to pursue higher education and a career in government. Mr. Lara earned a bachelor's degree in political science and philosophy from Brown University and a law degree from the University of New Mexico.

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