

DOTD LEGAL SEMINAR

April 21, 2009

- 8:30-8:45** **Opening Remarks**
*Lloyd E. "Buddy" Porta, Road Design Engineer
Administrator, DOTD*
- 8:45-9:15** **Why is DOTD sued?**
*Adam Ortego, Assistant Attorney General
Louisiana Department of Justice*
- 9:15-9:45** **The Players and Chronology of Typical Lawsuit**
*Adam Ortego, Assistant Attorney General
Louisiana Department of Justice*
- 9:45-10:00** **Break**
- 10:00-11:30** **Investigation and Discovery**
- Public Information Requests & Electronic Documents**
Veronica "Ronie" Reams-Pollet, Paralegal, DOTD
- Written Discovery**
*Melanie Guidry, Paralegal,
Louisiana Department of Justice*
- What is Discoverable?**
*Carol S. Hunter, Assistant Attorney General,
Louisiana Department of Justice
Dan Magri, Highway Safety Administrator, DOTD*
- Gathering the Information**
*Steve Jiles, Assistant District Administrator of Engineering,
DOTD
Veronica "Ronie" Reams-Pollet, Paralegal, DOTD
Melanie Guidry, Paralegal, Louisiana Department of
Justice*
- 11:30-1:00** **Lunch – On Your Own**
- 1:00-1:45** **Depositions**
*Carol S. Hunter, Assistant Attorney General, Louisiana
Department of Justice*
- 1:45-2:00** **Pretrial Motions**
Carol S. Hunter, Assistant Attorney General, Louisiana

Department of Justice

2:00-2:15

Break

2:15-3:15

Trial and Trial Testimony

Colleen McDaniel, Assistant Attorney General, Louisiana

Department of Justice

3:15-3:30

Closing Remarks