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## **HensonFuerst to Hold Public Seminar on NCDOT's Project R-2915 and Its Impact on Area Landowners**

*Attorney Anne Duvoisin to present free seminar on Feb. 11 for Ashe and Watauga county residents and businesses affected by the planned U.S. 221 Widening Project*

**ASHE AND WATAUGA COUNTIES, N.C., Jan. 31, 2013**—Attorney Anne Duvoisin of North Carolina law firm HensonFuerst Attorneys will be presenting a free seminar on the rights and duties of landowners whose properties will be affected by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT)'s Project R-2915—also known as the U.S. 221 Widening Project—which is slated to begin this summer.

The project is intended to widen U.S. Highway 221 from two lanes to four lanes between the intersections with U.S. 421 in Deep Gap and U.S. 88 in Jefferson. As a result, NCDOT may soon be taking property from residents of Ashe and Watauga counties, including landowners along either side of 16.1 miles of the U.S. Highway 221 corridor. Current NCDOT plans for the project include relocating 70 residences and businesses, as well as taking rights-of-way from others who will not be relocated.

"We want to help our neighbors better understand what this road expansion project means for them and their families and businesses," said Duvoisin, who has been a North Carolina trial lawyer for 34 years. "We are happy to provide this information in a format where residents can ask questions and get answers."

Real estate attorneys Ben Hurley of West Jefferson and Rob Angle of Boone also will be joining the conversation and answering questions. **The seminar will take place on Monday, Feb. 11, 2013, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the large courtroom at the Ashe County Courthouse located at 150 Government Circle in Jefferson.** For more information, call HensonFuerst at (828) 295-7469.

### **What Is Land Condemnation?**

Land condemnation is the process by which privately owned real estate is taken from its owner for a public purpose, benefit, or use. This is also referred to as the law of eminent domain.

Legally, privately held land may only be taken for public or commercial use if it benefits the public—such as projects related to safety, health, government interest, or convenience, which includes widening roads and highways.

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**About HensonFuerst**

HensonFuerst Attorneys, is a North Carolina-based law firm with offices in Raleigh, Rocky Mount, Creedmoor, and Boone. The law firm concentrates on land condemnation, auto accidents, traumatic brain injury, nursing home abuse, medical malpractice, and mass tort cases, among others. For nearly 40 years, the attorneys at HensonFuerst have represented those injured by the negligence of others. With successful multimillion-dollar verdicts and settlements throughout North Carolina, the team of 15 lawyers and 40 staff members at HensonFuerst offers considerable experience and resources for their clients. For more information, visit [www.HensonFuerst.com](http://www.HensonFuerst.com).

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