

NEW!

**Friday Lectures
at City Hall,
Montpelier
June 5, 12, and 26
July 24**

Vermont Law School's Environmental Law Center presents

Hot Topics in Environmental Law

Summer 2009 Brown Bag Lecture Series

Thursday, May 28, Vermont Law School

Smart Grids: What Are They and Why Should We Care?

Paul Hines, UVM School of Engineering

This talk will focus on the smart metering portion of the smart grid and its implications for the public and the legal community.

Tuesday, June 2, Vermont Law School

An Ocean Agenda for the Obama Administration

Mike Sutton, Monterey Bay Aquarium

President Obama has an unprecedented opportunity to safeguard the marine environment.

Thursday, June 4, Vermont Law School

Human Rights Mired in the Canadian Oil Sands

James Grijalva, University of North Dakota School of Law

Often lost in the controversy over Canada's oil development are the human rights of indigenous people to environmental self-determination.

Friday, June 5, Montpelier

Collaborative Governance: What It Is, Where It's Going

Philip J. Harter, University of Missouri School of Law

President Obama says that government should be collaborative. What does this mean for federal, state, and local governments?

Thursday, June 11, Vermont Law School

Comparing Energy Regulation in China and the U.S.

Lifen Wang, State Electricity Regulatory Commission of China

This lecture will analyze the advantages and disadvantages of different energy regulatory systems in China and the United States.

Friday, June 12, Montpelier

Residency Restrictions for Convicted Sex Offenders

Dwight Merriam, Land Use Group, Robinson & Cole, LLP

Sex offender registries have evolved into residency restrictions for a broad range of sex offenders. What is good public policy in this area?

Tuesday, June 16, Vermont Law School

Man and Nature...and Lawyers: From Marsh to Darling

Harvey Carter

Does the law increasingly depend on quantifiable atomistic abstractions as a way of calculating value—to the point of near paralysis?

Thursday, June 18, Vermont Law School

Are Conservation Easements Forever?

Jessica Jay '97, Conservation Law, P.C.

This lecture will explore the perpetual nature and durability of conservation easements and address the surrounding legal principles.

Tuesday, June 23, Vermont Law School

Where Wild Things Aren't: The Supreme Court in Review

Patrick Parenteau, Vermont Law School

Is the Navy's sonar program more important than whale conservation? Is it okay to destroy a pristine Alaskan lake by filling it with mine waste?

Thursday, June 25, Vermont Law School

The Mass Media and Environmental Policy Work

Kim Diana Connolly, University of South Carolina School of Law

How can advocates seek and manage news coverage of environmental law and policy as part of an overall agenda for success?

Friday, June 26, Montpelier

Nuclear Power and Climate Change: Is the Sky the Limit?

Peter Bradford, Former Member, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

What is the potential of new nuclear plants to combat climate change? How much taxpayer financial support is needed to make a significant difference?

Tuesday, July 7, Vermont Law School

Transitions and Trends: The President's Influence at EPA

LaJuana Wilcher, English, Lucas, Priest & Owsley

How independent is EPA? How is the influence of the President on agency decision making, and the limits of that power, evolving?

Thursday, July 9, Vermont Law School

Preservation, Conservation, and the New Deal

Roger Kennedy, Former Director, National Park Service

The relationship between Franklin Roosevelt, the CCC, the National Park System, and the policy of commitment to community in place and places.

Tuesday, July 14, Vermont Law School

Public Trust Doctrines and Climate Change

Robin Kundis Craig, Florida State University College of Law

To what extent could states' public trust doctrines become a vehicle for adapting to climate change impacts, particularly to water supply and quality?

Thursday, July 16, Vermont Law School

Iron Curtain, Green Corridor: Conservation in Europe

Ashley Ahearn, *Living on Earth*, Public Radio International

The Iron Curtain was an unexpected boon for wildlife. Now, efforts are under way to preserve the accidental wilderness corridor along its path.

Tuesday, July 21, Vermont Law School

Environment, the First Amendment, the Fourth Estate

Randy Lee Loftis, *The Dallas Morning News*

With virtually every newspaper slashing its staff, the free press's environmental watchdog function may be at risk.

Thursday, July 23, Vermont Law School

A New Water Paradigm: Water Use for the 21st Century

John DeCock, Clean Water Action

The world is approaching a global water crisis, both in terms of availability and purity. Can we use, manage, treat, and conserve water in new ways?

Friday, July 24, Montpelier

Entergy v. Riverkeeper and the Clean Water Act

Randy Hill, Office of Civil Enforcement, U.S. EPA

EPA may consider costs and benefits when establishing Clean Water Act requirements for cooling water intake. Is cost-benefit analysis relevant?

Tuesday, July 28, Vermont Law School

Mediation Achieves What Litigation Cannot

Lela Love, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University

An exploration of several situations in which mediation made a dramatic difference to the course of litigated matters involving public policy issues.

Thursday, July 30, Vermont Law School

New Zealand's Climate Challenges: Kyoto and Beyond

Lisa Daniell, ChanceryGreen, New Zealand

How is climate change affecting the South Pacific? This lecture looks at New Zealand's policy development and some of the challenges posed.

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