

THE CURRICULUM

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW +

The implementation of legislative policy through administrative agencies

ADVANCED ENVIRONMENTAL LEGAL RESEARCH

The most useful, efficient strategies and resources for environmental law research

AIR POLLUTION LAW AND POLICY

A detailed reading of the Clean Air Act and an exploration of the major statutory provisions

ALTERNATIVE FUELS AND RENEWABLE ENERGY ⊕

The local, state, and federal laws and policies that govern transition to renewable energy sources

ANIMAL LAW AND ETHICS

The laws, doctrines, and policies that address human interactions with animals

ANIMAL WELFARE LAW

The rapidly evolving field of law concerning the welfare of animals used for human purposes, and laws used in wildlife conservation

CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE LAW +

How existing laws may address climate change and how new, more comprehensive laws may be fashioned

CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION ⊕

The legal, policy, and economic issues in our attempt to mitigate our carbon footprint and reduce greenhouse gasses

CLIMATE CHANGE: THE POWER OF TAXES

How tax systems can be used to reduce greenhouse gases and develop more environmentally compatible technologies

COMMUNICATIONS, ADVOCACY, AND LEADERSHIP +

The skills to advocate, counsel, investigate, persuade, research, and educate

COMPARATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW RESEARCH SEMINAR

A research and writing seminar that provides a framework for students to engage in comparative environmental law research

CULTURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

A cross-cultural study of the interaction of humans and the environment with legal anthropology

ECOLOGY

A field course on an integrative science that can provide insight into many contemporary environmental problems

END USE ENERGY EFFICIENCY

The reasons for, techniques of, and results from energy efficiency measures around the U.S.

ENERGY LAW AND POLICY +

Key issues in American energy policy, and ways to ease the strains that the policy puts upon environmental sustainability

ENERGY REGULATION, MARKETS, AND THE ENVIRONMENT +

The legal, economic, and structural issues involved in both energy regulation and energy markets, focusing on electricity

ENVIRONMENTAL BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS

Liability, diligence, and drafting issues in complex environmental business transactions

ENVIRONMENTAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION +

Alternative dispute resolution processes for resolving complex, multiparty environmental disputes

ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS AND MARKETS +

How market-based tools to protect the environment work, their basic assumptions, and the challenges they face during implementation

ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE

The theory and practice of enforcement of the federal pollution control laws

ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS SEMINAR

The foundations of environmental reasoning: intrinsic value theory, biocentrism, ecofeminism, deep ecology, and spirituality

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Discrimination and justice concerns about the benefits and burdens of environmental protection and natural resource management

ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD

The challenges to developing and implementing strong environmental governance systems in the developing world

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW +

The law pertaining to environmental issues such as population, economic growth, energy, and pollution

EXTINCTION AND CLIMATE CHANGE +

The ecological, social, and ethical consequences of climate change and various legal and policy options to address it

THE FARM BILL

An introduction to the breadth of policies and legal authorities included in the Farm Bill

FEDERAL REGULATION OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ⊕

An overview of the Farm Bill and other laws that affect growing policy, animal husbandry, and food production

FOOD REGULATION AND POLICY

Current policies regarding food regulation and how to effectively advocate for policy changes

FOOD JUSTICE AND SUSTAINABILITY +

The policies and programs that could help create a Good Food environment

GLOBAL ENERGY LAW AND POLICY

Energy policy frameworks, policies implementing global and regional climate commitments, and emerging issues outside of the U.S.

GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY +

The legal landscape of global hunger

INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE LAW

A study of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Kyoto Protocol; students represent VLS at COP as members of its Observer Delegation

INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY

The structure and basic principles of international environmental law and policy

INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

The intersection and frequent clash between trade liberalization and environmental protection

INTRODUCTION AGRICULTURE AND FOOD LAW AND POLICY +

A survey of American law affecting agriculture and food and the traditional divisions between agriculture, food, and environmental regulation

LAND CONSERVATION LAW

The legal issues around donation of conservation easements and private/public partnerships for land conservation

LAND USE REGULATION

The traditional legal controls available to regulate the use of land, including local zoning ordinances and subdivision regulations

LAND TRANSACTIONS AND FINANCE

How land is divided and transferred, including an introduction to the title system, title insurance, and land contracts



LAW OF ANIMALS IN AGRICULTURE

The laws and market pressures affecting the conditions of farmed animals

LAW AND POLICY OF LOCAL FOOD SYSTEMS ⊕

A study of policies that affect distribution of food and state-level initiatives to bolster local food markets

LAW OF TOXIC AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

How government agencies manage the public health and environmental risks of hazardous waste and toxic substances

LEGAL ADAPTATIONS TO GLOBAL WARMING IMPACTS +

The legal challenges raised by the unavoidable need for our society to adapt to the impacts of global warming

NATIVE AMERICANS AND THE LAW ⊕

The constitutional, statutory, and jurisprudential rules of law which make up the field of Federal Indian Law

NATURAL RESOURCES LAW +

The statutes and regulations governing the management of the federal lands and their resources

OCEAN AND COASTAL LAW

The natural components of estuarine, coastal, and marine ecosystems and some of the conservation issues confronting them

OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION AND THE ENVIRONMENT +

The major contracts used to explore for and produce oil and gas in the U.S. and internationally

PEACE, WAR, AND THE ENVIRONMENT

International environmental law, the law of armed conflict, and international humanitarian law

PUBLIC HEALTH AND U.S. FOOD AND AGRICULTURE POLICY

Diverse public health issues and the debate about food systems and sustainability

PUBLIC LANDS MANAGEMENT: MONTANA FIELD STUDY

Montana provides the venue for a comparative study of the competing legal mandates and diverse philosophies of federal land management

REGULATING THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT

The interaction of state, federal, and international regimes in the regulation of the marine environment

RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT

Legal and policy issues associated with the development and project financing of renewable energy projects

REPRESENTING FARMERS AND FOOD PRODUCERS +

The nuts and bolts of providing legal services to farmers and food entrepreneurs

SCIENCE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ⊕

The science most relevant to environmental law, including climate science, air and water pollution, toxicology, and endangered species management

THREE ESSENTIALS OF THE ELECTRIC GRID

Fundamental legal, engineering, and business knowledge for energy professionals

WATER QUALITY

The Clean Water Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Ocean Dumping Act

WATER RESOURCES LAW

The allocation of water among competing claimants—for consumptive uses, waste disposal, recreation, and other purposes

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