

THE FIRST NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF LAWYERS COMMITTED TO ADDRESSING THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY
APRIL 28, 2017

TIME: 12:30pm–5:30pm ET with 1-1/2 hour reception to follow

LOCATION: American University Washington College of Law, Warren Building, Terrace Level, Ceremonial Classroom, NT01, 4300 Nebraska Ave NW, Washington, DC 20016 and via Webcast

OVERVIEW

On April 28, 2017, a group of leading lawyers and academics will convene at American University Washington College of Law in Washington, D.C., for a half-day conference and webinar to consider potential solutions to address the challenge of climate change and the role of lawyers and law associations in advancing those solutions. The program will be open to all at no charge, but there will be a charge for attendees wishing to receive CLE credits (public interest lawyers and others may apply for hardship waivers of the CLE charge). The program will be simulcast over the internet for those unable to attend in person. The goals of the program include not only to educate lawyers on the issue but also to mobilize lawyers in pursuing common sense solutions to climate change.

AGENDA

Time (ET)	Topic	Speakers
12:00-12:30	Registration & Lunch	
12:30–12:40	Welcome, Introductions and The Global Challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">David Hunter, Professor of Law at American University Washington College of LawSteve Harvey, President, A Call to the Bar: Lawyers for Common Sense on Climate ChangeKaren Florini, Visiting Fellow, The Institute for New Economic Thinking at the Oxford Martin School and Nuffield College at the University of Oxford
12:40–1:40	The Role of Lawyers in Addressing Climate Change: Past, Present, and Future	<p>J. Kevin Healy, Partner Member of Bryan Cave's Environmental and the Real Estate Client Service Groups --moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Craig Segall, Assistant Chief Counsel, California Air Resources BoardVicki Arroyo, Executive Director of the Georgetown Climate Center at Georgetown Law and the Director of the Environmental Law ProgramDaniel Kreeger, Co-Founder and Executive Director, Association of Climate Change Officers (ACCO)Peter J. Fontaine, Co-chair of Cozen O'Connor LLP's Energy, Environmental & Public Utilities Practice Group and the Climate Change practice

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1:40–2:40	The Bi-partisan Response to Climate Change	<p>Robert B. McKinstry, Jr., Senior Counsel and Practice Leader of Ballard Spahr’s Climate Change and Sustainability Initiative and Yolanda F. Pagano, Director, Sustainable Strategies & Solutions, O’Brien & Gere – moderators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob Inglis, Executive Director, Energy and Enterprise Initiative (republicEn.org) and Former U.S. Representative from South Carolina. Founder • Jerry Taylor, President of the Niskanen Center
2:40–3:40	Climate Change Litigation in the U.S. and Lessons from Abroad	<p>Professor William J. Snape, III, Assistant Dean of Adjunct Faculty and Fellow in Environmental Law at American University Washington College of Law – moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthew F. Pawa, Attorney, President, Pawa Law Group P.C. • Mary Wood, Philip H. Knight Professor of Law at the University of Oregon • Victoria Barrett, Plaintiff, Our Children's Trust lawsuit and Fellow with the Alliance for Climate Education • Julia Olson, Executive Director and Chief Legal Counsel for Our Children’s Trust • David Estrin, Certified Environmental Law Specialist and Counsel, Gowling WLG Adjunct Professor and Co-Academic Director Environmental Justice and Sustainability Clinical Program, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University
3:40–4:00	Break	
4:00–5:30	Ethical, Moral and Justice Implications of Climate Change with An Interactive Discussion on Individual and Legal Community Next Steps to Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharonda Williams-Tack, Environmental Justice State Coordinator, Sierra Club • John C. Dernbach, Commonwealth Professor of Environmental Law and Sustainability and Director, Environmental Law and Sustainability Center, at Widener University Commonwealth School of Law (also serving as panel moderator) • Diane Henkels, Vice-Chair, The Oregon State Bar Sustainable Future Section • Sally Fisk, Environmental Committee, New York City Bar Association • Other speaker – invited
5:30–7:00	Cocktail Reception	

For program details see www.climatechangecele.org

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