AGENDA: The Future of Natural Resources Law and Policy

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Wednesday, June 6

Opening Remarks
8:15  Mark Squillace, Director, Natural Resources Law Center
     David Phillips, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation

Session 1 - Reflections on Natural Resource Law and Policy
8:30  The Historical Evolution of Natural Resource Law and Policy
     Moderator: Sarah Van de Wetering, University of Montana
     Sally Fairfax, UC-Berkeley, Helen Ingram, UC-Irvine, and
     Leigh Raymond, Purdue University
     This presentation will set the stage by summarizing major trends and issues across the natural resources spectrum.

9:15  Natural Resources and Constitutional Law
     James May, Widener University School of Law
     How evolving constitutional law principles influence natural resources law and policy.

9:45  Discussion

10:00 Morning Break

10:30  PANEL: Changing Perspectives, Paradigms, and Interrelationships
     Moderator—Nestor Davidson, University of Colorado School of Law
     • Why Care about the Polar Bear? Economic Analysis of Environmental Law and Policy
       Lisa Heinzerling, Georgetown Law School
       How economic analysis as currently practiced slight the true value of natural resources, with particular reference to the polar bear and the future.
     • The Intersection of Environmental Law and Natural Resource Law
       Karin Sheldon, Vermont Law School
       How the values and ideologies of environmental law - a discipline that has emerged only in recent decades - are, and are not, integrated with resources law.
     • Federalism and Natural Resource Policy
       Robert Fischman, Indiana University - Bloomington
       The shifting balance between federal and state authority over natural resource management, especially public lands.
     • The Growing Influence of Tort and Property Law on Natural Resources Law
       Alexandra Klass, University of Minnesota Law School
       How the development of natural resource law and policy increasingly takes into account issues of tort and property law.

12:15 Discussion

12:30 Lunch on the patio

Session 2 - The New Playing Field and The Public and Private Players
1:30  PANEL: Governance, Planning, & Public Participation
     Moderator — Michael Gheleta, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck
     • Deciding who Decides: Agencies, Courts and the Public’s Role in Natural Resource Law
       Mark Squillace, University of Colorado School of Law
       How agencies make resource management decisions, including the use of public participation, as well as how the roles of the legislative and judicial branches have changed over time.

3:00 Discussion

3:15 Afternoon Break

3:45 Sources of Stress and the Changing Context of Natural Resources Law and Policy in the New West
     Dr. William Travis, Dept. of Geography, Univ. of Colorado
     The West will grow faster than the nation as a whole for the foreseeable future, and population growth, economic change, sprawling land development, and even climate change will make the future unlike the past. What are the major trends and what does this changing context mean for resources law?

4:15 Resource Rights and Methods of Accommodating Change - A Functional Approach
     Eric Freyfogle, University of Illinois College of Law
     Describing the challenge of creating resource use regimes that can successfully address the many conflicts among uses and users that inevitably arise over time - why the current regime of precisely-defined private rights is insufficient, and why we need to think about ways to promote resource governance regimes at a more local level with greater involvement of the resource users.

4:45 Discussion

5:00 Natural Resource Law Center 25th Anniversary Reception and Barbecue

Thursday, June 7

8:30 Understanding Natural Resources Law & Policy through Case Studies
     John Nagle, Univ. of Notre Dame Law School

Session 3 - Oil, Gas, and Mining
9:00 The Future of Mineral Development on Federal Lands in the United States
     John Leshy, Univ. of California, Hastings College of Law
     CASE STUDY PANEL AND DISCUSSION: Oil and Gas Development
     John Leshy; Mary Viviano, Encana; Mike Chiropolos, Western Resources Advocates

10:15 Morning Break
Thursday, June 7

Session 4 - Public Lands and Public Resources

10:45 Trends and Challenges in Protected Land Systems
Robert Keiter, University of Utah College of Law
Case Study Panel and Discussion: The Roadless Rule and Other Bush Strategies for Protecting Public Lands
Moderator: Don Barry, The Wilderness Society
Robert Keiter; Jim Angell, EarthJustice; Sharon Friedman, USDA Forest Service—Rocky Mountain Region

12:00 Lunch (on your own)

Session 5 - Conservation and Restoration

1:30 Restoration of Ecosystems and Other Natural Resources
William Rodgers, University of Washington Law School
Case Study Panel and Discussion: Dam Removal on the Elwha River
Moderator: Guy Martin, Perkins Coie, DC
William Rodgers; Tim Randle, Bureau of Reclamation; Russ Busch, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe

2:45 Wildlife and Biodiversity Conservation
J.B. Ruhl, Florida State University Law School
Case Study Panel and Discussion: Klamath River Basin
Moderator: Larry MacDonnell, Lawrence J. MacDonnell, P.C.
J.B. Ruhl; Greg Jaeger, Marzulla & Marzulla; Dan Tarlock, Chicago-Kent College of Law

6:00 Natural Resources Law Teachers Reception
Millennium Hotel (hosted by Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation)

Friday, June 8

Session 6 - Water

8:15 Currents in Water Resources Law and Policy
David Getches, Dean, Univ. of Colorado School of Law; A. Dan Tarlock, Chicago-Kent College of Law
Case Study Panel and Discussion: Can Prior Appropriation Survive? What Might Replace It?
Moderator: Doug Kenney, Natural Resources Law Center
A. Dan Tarlock; David Getches; Justice Greg Hobbs, Colorado Supreme Court; Matt Jenkins, High Country News

9:45 Morning Break

Session 7 - Forests and Rangeland Management

10:15 Forests and Range
Debra L. Donahue, Univ. Wyoming College of Law
Federico Cheever, University of Denver Sturm College of Law
Case Study Panel and Discussion: NEPA Compliance for Timber & Grazing Permits
Moderator: Jonathan Hanna, Research Fellow, Natural Resources Law Center
Debra Donahue; Glen Cassamassa, Forest Supervisor Arapahoe-Roosevelt National Forest; Federico Cheever

Session 8 - The Future of Natural Resources Law and Policy

11:30 Speculations on Natural Resources Law and Policy in the Next Administration
David Getches; Sally Fairfax; John Leshy; Ann Morgan, Charles Wilkinson

Discussion

12:30 Conference Adjourns

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