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Key Environmental Issues in U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4, is a one-day CLE conference sponsored by the ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources, offering a unique opportunity to engage in dialogue with Region 4 policy makers and legal professionals involved in environmental and energy issues throughout the Southeast. This conference will offer timely updates on key state and regional developments in environmental and energy law, and place special emphasis on program initiatives and priorities in the Region 4 states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. Conveniently located at The Ritz-Carlton, Atlanta, the conference will address key developments in state enforcement, natural disaster response, Superfund, brownfields, and air and water regulation, and offer opportunities to network with colleagues. The conference will be attended by environmental law practitioners including academics, nonprofit lawyers, in-house counsel, and government lawyers.

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9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Enforcement in the Era of Cooperative Federalism: Top Priorities of Region 4 State Enforcers

Current top officials from environmental agencies across the Southeast region will offer their unique perspectives on environmental law and regulation. Highlighting recent environmental priorities and initiatives for their respective agencies, panelists will focus on their state-specific approaches to environmental regulations and effectively working with their federal environmental colleagues. Attendees will gain a better understanding of the interactions between state and federal agencies and the anticipated environmental agendas for states in the Southeast in the coming years.

Panelists
Donna Hodges, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Jackson, MS
Jenny Howard, Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation, Nashville, TN
Noah Valenstein, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, FL

10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
What’s Water and Whose Is It? The Changing Landscape of WOTUS, CWA Circuit Splits, and the Regional Water Wars

In the current feast-or-famine cycles of rain and drought to which the southeastern United States is becoming more and more accustomed, the questions surrounding water use, classification, and discharges have never been more relevant. By drawing on the knowledge and experience of practitioners and academics who have been in the water-logged trenches, attendees will learn about the current status of the WOTUS rulemaking and related litigation; the recent split among circuit courts regarding application of the Clean Water Act to discharges to groundwater; and current and pending state-versus-state disputes regarding water availability, use, and allocations.

Panelists
Kevin Minoli, Alston & Bird LLP, Washington, DC
Julius Redd, Beveridge & Diamond, P.C., Washington, DC
Keith Turner, Watkins & Eager PLLC, Jackson, MS
Greg Young, Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation, Nashville, TN

1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
From Response to Resilience: Confronting Natural Disasters and the Environment in the Southeast

Every other day it seems that there is media coverage of a new record-setting natural disaster and unprecedented emergency response. The Southeast region has recently experienced such disasters. Hurricanes and wildfires have battered the region’s pristine beaches and forested hills, prompting a reexamination of legal disaster preparedness and the aftermath. Panelists experienced in confronting the fallout from natural disasters both inside Region 4 and out will provide a thought-provoking look at what the public and private sectors should consider before the next disaster strikes. Attendees will leave this session equipped to develop and implement plans for potential future disasters.

Panelists
Catherine Anglin, Paine | Tarwater | Bickers, LLP, Knoxville, TN
Jeff Civins, Haynes and Boone, LLP, Austin, TX
Keith Weisinger, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4, Atlanta, GA
Chris Williams, Maynard Cooper Gale, Birmingham, AL

2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
The Power of the Force: Two Years into the Superfund Task Force, Key Changes and Next Steps

This panel consists of national experts in Superfund who will discuss the EPA’s recent recommendations to identify and resolve environmental challenges which address barriers that delay the cleanup and redevelopment of contaminated CERCLA sites. The Task Force recommendations are intended to ensure that the EPA in partnership with all stakeholders (private and public sector) are able to remediate and revitalize more sites efficiently throughout the nation. Become the “first to know” how to expedite and accelerate cleanups at CERCLA sites.

Panelists
Rebecca Davis, Seyfarth S, Atlanta, GA
Stacey Haire, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4, Atlanta, GA
Bianca Jaikaran, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4, Atlanta, GA
Kim Jones, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4, Atlanta, GA
Jade Rutland, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4, Atlanta, GA

3:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Roiled or Relieved? What Recent Repeals and Reconsiderations under the Clean Air Act Mean for You and Your Clients

In the last two years, environmental practitioners have seen a number of major developments in the realm of Clean Air Act implementation and enforcement. New EPA policies and guidance along with the reconsideration or overhaul of several national regulations have the potential to dramatically alter
the Clean Air Act landscape. Panelists from the public, private, and nonprofit sectors will discuss key changes, including the Clean Power Plan’s replacement (the Affordable Clean Energy rule), changes to the New Source Review program, and strategies for counseling clients in the midst of regulatory uncertainty, all with the goal of equipping attendees with information to inform and educate their clients on relevant and upcoming air issues.

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Key Environmental Issues in U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 will take place at The Ritz-Carlton, Atlanta, 181 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30303.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the discounted rate of $189 plus tax for single/double rooms. A limited number of government rate rooms are also available for $148 plus tax (or the current government rate). A valid government ID will be required upon check in.

The deadline for room reservations at the discounted rate is Monday, May 20, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. (CST). To book at our contracted rate, call the hotel directly at (800) 241-3333 or (404) 659-0400 and mention the ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources Region 4 and Superfund Conference or book online at http://www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/georgia/atlanta and enter the code “EEREERA” or the code “EEREERK” for government employees.

Panelists

Mike Abraczinskas, Director, Division of Air Quality, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Raleigh, NC

Gretchen Frizzell, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4, Atlanta, GA

Grady Moore, Balch & Bingham LLP, Birmingham, AL

Keri Powell, Powell Environmental Law, Decatur, GA

The registration fee includes tuition and online course materials developed especially for this conference. In addition, your fee covers Tuesday’s continental breakfast, breaks, lunch, and closing reception.

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How to Register
We encourage you to register online at ambar.org/region4. All attendees must be preregistered for this conference to participate. Any questions regarding registration can be directed to environ@americanbar.org.

Master Class on Complex Environmental Liability Resolution: State of the Art Strategies from Superfund to Brownfields
The Section’s Master Class on Complex Environmental Liability Resolution will take place on June 12, 2019, in Atlanta after the Key Environmental Issues in U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4. A special discounted rate is available for attendees of both conferences. Make sure to add on the Master Class on Complex Environmental Liability Resolution during the online registration process. For more information visit ambar.org/cercla.

Cancellation Policy
Registrants who are unable to attend the conference will receive a refund less a $50 administrative fee if written notice of cancellation is received by Monday, May 20, 2019. No refunds will be granted after this date. Cancellations may be emailed to environ@americanbar.org or faxed to (312) 988–5572, attn.: Associate Director. Registration fees are not transferable to other Section or ABA programs. Substitutions for the program are acceptable. The ABA reserves the right to cancel any program and assumes no responsibility for personal expense.

Law Student Scholarship Opportunity
A limited number of scholarships are available to law students interested in attending the entire conference and helping ensure our conference runs smoothly. To be considered, you must be a member of the ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources. Your application and resume must be submitted by Sunday, May 19, 2019, to be considered. This scholarship does not include lodging or transportation. To apply, complete the application by visiting bit.ly/AtlantaLawStudentScholar.

Tuition Assistance
A limited number of registration fee waivers are available for government employees, public interest lawyers employed with nonprofit organizations, and academics. For programs with tuition costs over $500, qualifying lawyers will receive at least a 50 percent reduction in the course fee(s). To apply, complete the online application by visiting bit.ly/Region4Tuition by Sunday, May 19, 2019.

Conference Course Materials
Course materials and related background information will be provided to attendees online prior to the conference. You may wish to bring a device to view the materials on-site; complimentary Wi-Fi access will be available.

CLE Credit
The ABA will seek 6.2 hours of CLE credit in 60-minute states, and 7.5 hours of CLE credit for this program in 50-minute states. Credit hours are estimated and are subject to each state’s approval and credit rounding rules. Please visit the program website at ambar.org/region4 for program CLE details or visit www.americanbar.org/mcle for general information on CLE at the ABA.

Dress
Section conferences are business casual. Suggested dress includes slacks, skirts, polo-type shirts or blouses, sweaters, and comfortable shoes. The hotel will be cool, so please pack a jacket or sweater.

Dietary Restrictions
If you have any dietary restrictions, please indicate so during registration or by email environ@americanbar.org by Monday, May 20, 2019, so that your needs are noted.

Americans with Disabilities Act
If any special arrangements are required for a person with a disability to attend this conference, please call Allison Read at (312) 988–5641 by Monday, May 20, 2019.

Questions? Contact environ@americanbar.org with all program related questions.