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The ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources’ 47th Annual Spring Conference will explore the key topics and issues confronting environmental, energy, and resources lawyers today. Join us in Orlando, Florida at the beautiful Hilton Bonnet Creek Resort, April 18–20, 2018 to gain practical knowledge from the nation’s leading environmental lawyers, top government officials, in-house counsel and academics on key topics including: an update on Trump’s first year, current Supreme Court jurisprudence, Superfund reform, environmental permitting, microgrids, interstate water disputes, citizen science, and tribal consultation.

The Conference has consistently been the premier forum for dialogue among environmental, energy and resources lawyers. This year we are conveniently located adjacent to the Walt Disney World Resort offering the backdrop for a spring break to remember. All attendees, as well as friends and family members traveling with you, are eligible for specially priced theme park tickets which are also available for pre- and post-conference stays!

Connect, share ideas, and gather insight with thought leaders from around the country and enjoy unparalleled networking opportunities that our attendees have grown to love such as the public service project, #SEERRunClub, networking, the Section dinner and reception, and the Taste of SEER (dine-arounds). Join us in Orlando for unmatched networking and educational opportunities, and maybe stay for a little Disney magic.
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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2018

12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECT
This year’s public service project will be a joint effort between participants of the 47th Spring Conference and the 36th Water Law Conference. A boxed lunch will be provided for all participants from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. Transportation will be provided for all participants and we will depart the hotel promptly at 1 p.m. To volunteer for the public service project, sign up while registering. For more information please contact Jennifer Idrovo at Jennifer.Idrovo@americanbar.org.

4:00 p.m.  
REGISTRATION OPENS

5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
VIP NEW ATTENDEE RECEPTION (INVITE ONLY)

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
WELCOME RECEPTION
Let’s kick off the Conference with cocktails and new friends. This is a unique networking opportunity as the Section’s 36th Water Law Conference attendees will join us for our opening reception.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2018

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.  
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.  
WELCOME, OPENING REMARKS, AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS
SPEAKER:
William Wehrum, Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
TRUMP’S FIRST YEAR: REGULATORY REFORM AND A NEW DIRECTION?
The most significant environmental regulatory and policy decisions of the Trump administration’s first year and its current and future implications are the focus of this timely and substantive plenary session. Panelists will reflect on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s response to calls for reform including: rescinding the Clean Power Plan, exiting the Paris Agreement on climate change, and revisiting the definition of jurisdictional waters under the Clean Water Act. They will examine the impacts of budget constraints, shifting priorities and evolving enforcement goals, on the direction of EPA, as well as the opportunities presented by the administration and the views of those that may be opposed to proposed regulatory reforms. This session will provide unique insight into the state of national environmental policy and what it means for your clients and your practice.

MODERATOR:
Richard Alonso, Sidley Austin LLP, Washington, DC

SPEAKERS:
Gary Broadbent, Senior Counsel and Director of Investor and Media Relations, Murray Energy Corporation, St. Clairsville, OH
Matt Leopold, General Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC
Sanjay Narayan, Managing Attorney, Sierra Club, Oakland, CA

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
NETWORKING BREAK
RIVER OF GRASS: A CONFLUENCE OF LAW, POLICY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE IN THE EVERGLADES

The Florida Everglades are widely recognized as a singularly diverse ecosystem, a vital economic and cultural resource, and the target of one of the world’s largest intergovernmental watershed restoration efforts. The Everglades have long attracted the attentions of policymakers seeking to simultaneously preserve and utilize its resources. Join a dynamic panel of scientists, lawyers, and policymakers for an examination of the complex hydrologic and geologic features of the Everglades, the environmental legal and policy tools developed to manage this environment, and the lessons from South Florida that can be applied to complex ecosystems throughout the United States.

MODERATOR:
Eric P. Summa, Chief of Planning and Environmental Policy, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville, FL

SPEAKERS:
Julie Hill-Gabriel, Deputy Director and Policy Director, Audubon Florida, Miami, FL
Steve Walker, Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A., West Palm Beach, FL

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
LUNCHEON

SPEAKER:
Anne Johnstone, Partner, Malcolm Hollis LLP, Chair, United Kingdom Environmental Law Association, Glasgow, Scotland, United Kingdom

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
EXPERT INSIGHT PANELS

Strengthen your substantive knowledge of some of the most pressing issues confronting environmental, energy, and natural resource lawyers today by attending one of these focused technical presentations. These 30-minute presentations offer you the opportunity to take a “deeper dive” into the technical issues and learn something new from some of the nation’s top environmental consultants and service providers.

THE ABCS OF PFASS, PFOS AND PFOA IN ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFASs), Perfluorooctyl Sulfonate (PFOS), and Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA): Yes, they are a mouthful, but their presence is quickly becoming a prominent point of uneasiness in scores of environmental remediation projects across the country—in the present, the past and the future. As public awareness grows, more state and federal regulators are scrambling to scrutinize and regulate these contaminants, raising more concerns about the future of liability and remediation for Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs). We look at why these extremely common manufactured chemicals are an issue, what is being done to remediate them, and what special challenges they create in the remediation process.

SPEAKERS:
Patricia Derocher, President, AlterEcho, Washington, DC
Stephen Smithson, General Counsel, AlterEcho, Chantilly, VA

PRIVATE RISK FINANCING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION

The Environmental Protection Agency through its Superfund Task Force has indicated that the agency will be focusing on streamlining and expediting cleanup and reuse of contaminated sites, with a major emphasis on involving private parties and encouraging private investment.

This session will explore the costs and benefits of several private risk funding approaches for site cleanups, such as: litigating old general liability insurance policies, purchasing pollution legal liability and cost cap insurance, and incorporating environmental liability transfer and guaranteed fixed priced remediation strategies at sites. The session will provide an overview of common terms and conditions associated with the various options, the market and providers for each of these options, as well as their potential role in transactions through real-life case studies.

MODERATOR:
Sylvia Carignan, Reporter, Bloomberg Environment, Arlington, VA

SPEAKER:
Brad Maurer, JD CPCU, American Risk Management Resources Network, Philadelphia, PA
2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
NETWORKING BREAK

CONCURRENT CLE SESSIONS

2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
MICROGRIDS: THE DEVELOPING LEGAL AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK
Much time is spent discussing the need to modernize the energy grid—the poles and wires that bring electricity to customers. Microgrids figure prominently in these discussions as the technology that can lower carbon emissions, increase reliability and resiliency, and promote the development and deployment of distributed generation and energy storage systems. As a distribution technology, which is usually regulated at the state-level, microgrids require a fresh look at existing legal and regulatory frameworks that govern the energy grid, electricity customers’ rights and bills, and the roles of the electric companies and third-party developers. This panel will provide attendees new insights, focusing on pilot projects that are pushing companies, customers, and regulators to rethink the current legal framework for grid modernization.

MODERATOR:
Donna Attanasio, Senior Advisor for Energy Law Programs, George Washington University Law School, Washington, DC

SPEAKERS:
Darin Lowder, Ballard Spahr LLP, Washington, DC
Brien Sheahan, Chairman, Illinois Commerce Commission, Chicago, IL

TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES, CITIZEN SCIENCE, AND THEIR IMPACT ON REGULATORY CONTROL
Co-sponsored by the ABA Civil Rights and Social Justice Section, Environmental Justice Committee
Environmental law and science go hand in hand. The law looks to science to provide critical factual data and science has responded by developing technologies for use by both the legal and environmental communities. This panel will educate lawyers on the use of such technologies and focus our attention on scientific developments that not only make it easier to assure compliance with required permits or operational best practices, but also allow others, such as non-governmental organizations and the environmental justice community, to monitor and track environmental issues.

MODERATOR:
Francine Ffolkes, Deputy General Counsel, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, FL

SPEAKERS:
Nadia Ahmad, Professor, Barry University Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law, Orlando, FL
Susan M. Floyd, Senior Counsel, Entergy Services, Inc., New Orleans, LA
Dr. Joseph K. Lyou, President and Chief Executive Officer, Coalition for Clean Air/South Coast Air Quality Management District Governing Board, Los Angeles, CA

INTERSTATE WATER DISPUTES: WATER QUALITY AND WATER QUANTITY MEET AT THE SUPREME COURT
Contiguous states often share watersheds, including surface water and groundwater systems. This may lead to disputes as water users on both sides of a border compete for a sufficient allocation and for water quality. The U.S. Supreme Court plays a critical role in such interstate disputes. Panelists will discuss the recent case where Florida alleges that Georgia diverts too much water from the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint river system thus damaging the Apalachicola Bay and the local seafood industry. Georgia, in turn, claims that capping its water use would undermine its economy including that of the Atlanta metropolitan area and Georgia’s agricultural sector. Panelists will examine the important role the Supreme Court plays in water supply disputes, providing insights into the special master procedure and whether this process adequately addresses water resources disputes between states or calls for alternative methods of resolution.

MODERATOR:
Megan Baroni, Robinson & Cole LLP, Stamford, CT
CONCURRENT CLE SESSIONS

SUPERFUND: IS IT BROKEN AND IF SO, CAN WE FIX IT?

The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) was enacted almost 40 years ago as an effort to clean up environmentally hazardous sites. However, the number of sites on the Superfund list continues to grow. Last May, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt created a task force to provide recommendations on how Superfund cleanups could be streamlined and improved. The task force was also to consider ways to reduce administrative burdens on parties performing the work, as well as incentives for more voluntary cleanups. A panel of CERCLA practitioners from government and private practice will discuss what steps EPA has taken to accomplish these goals and how they will affect your CERCLA practice. They will also provide practical tips on how you can best guide your client to achieve early resolution with EPA on site cleanup decisions and to manage sites with many responsible parties.

MODERATOR:
Peter Wright, Managing Counsel, Dow Chemical Company, Midland, MI

SPEAKERS:
Mary Beth Deemer, Jones Day, Pittsburgh, PA
Stan A. Meiburg, Director of Graduate Programs, Center for Energy, Environment & Sustainability, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC

PET SNAKES AND SPECIES TRAFFICKING: THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE:

From ghost orchids to eastern indigo snakes and Burmese pythons, Florida is at the center of both the legal U.S. species trade and illegal species trafficking. Globally, illegal species trafficking is estimated to be worth as much as $40 billion and organized wildlife crime is the fourth largest criminal market in the world. In the United States, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and the Lacey Act are the two primary federal statutes enacted to combat such trafficking. This panel will discuss these laws and examine the international side of trafficking, explaining the ESA’s role in implementing the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Flora and Fauna (CITES). Panelists will cover the domestic and international impacts of wildlife trade and trafficking, recent developments under CITES itself, including the 2017 expansion of coverage to an additional 500 species, and enforcement of CITES in the United States.

MODERATOR:
Kalyani Robbins, Professor, Florida International University School of Law, Miami, FL

SPEAKERS:
Erica Lyman, Professor, Lewis & Clark School of Law, Portland, OR
Michael Veale, President and Chief Executive Officer, Global Conservation Force, Oceanside, CA
W. Michael Young, formerly with the Parks and Wildlife Division at the U.S. Department of Interior, Annandale, VA

ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING: THE NUTS AND BOLTS

Whether it is an NPDES permit, a Title V air permit, or an Army Corp section 404 permit, there are fundamentals that both new and experienced environmental lawyers need to remember when representing their clients. This panel will cover the nuts-and-bolts of the environmental permit approval process including the defense or challenge of a permit appeal. Panelists will focus on “how to” basics and practical tips on topics such as: Does my client need a permit, and, if yes, what kind and from which agency? How do I challenge or defend the permit approval or denial? When do I seek judicial review? The panel will also provide insights into the practical issues to consider as you navigate an agency’s permitting procedures.

MODERATOR:
Winston K. Borkowski, Hopping Green & Sams, Tallahassee, FL
6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
COCKTAIL RECEPTION AND DINNER
Following a day of programming join your friends and colleagues for the 47th Spring Conference cocktail reception and dinner. Socialize and dine under the stars with sweeping views of the resort’s waterways and golf course. Dinner is included in your registration fee; additional guest tickets are available for purchase.

9:30 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.
AFTER-HOURS SOCIAL MIXER
The party’s not over yet! Let your hair down at Sir Harry’s Lounge at the after-hours reception with your fellow attendees in a relaxed, fun environment. The lounge is located in the adjacent Waldorf Astoria. Filled with the distinctive ambiance of a private club, furnished with rich, leather barrel club seating, the lounge encourages lively conversation over classic cocktails. Enjoy a Rob Roy, a drink that was originally invented at Waldorf Astoria in New York.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2018

6:00 a.m. – 7:15 a.m.
#SEERRUNCLUB
On Friday morning, start the day with a run outdoors. Join your colleagues and make new friends on a fun run/walk. As an added bonus, you’ll earn a commemorative SEER shirt to remember the occasion and some snacks on your return. After you register for the Conference, watch for an e-mail about this event and sign up so we can have a T-shirt ready for you.

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
WELCOME, OPENING REMARKS, AND KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

SPEAKER:
Noah Valenstein, Secretary, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, FL

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
THE SUPREME COURT, THE EMERGING FEDERAL JUDICIARY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL JURISPRUDENCE
This plenary session will review recent Supreme Court and circuit court opinions impacting environmental issues and discuss pending appellate and district court cases expected to reach the Court. In addition, panelists will provide insights into how the current Supreme Court and the administration’s potential appointments to the federal appeals courts may change how the federal judiciary views and rules on key environmental law issues.

MODERATOR:
Robert Percival, Professor, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, Baltimore, MD

SPEAKERS:
John Cruden, Beveridge & Diamond PC, President, American College of Environmental Lawyers, Washington, DC
Lisa E. Jones Foose, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC
Kirsten Nathanson, Crowell & Moring LLP, Washington, DC

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
NETWORKING BREAK
CONCURRENT CLE SESSIONS

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

DO NOT GO GENTLY: REACTIONS FROM STATES AND NGOS TO THE ADMINISTRATION'S ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY POLICIES

Join this panel discussion to hear how states, cities, non-governmental organizations, and other entities are reacting as the Trump administration's environmental policies play out. Panelists will discuss state enforcement efforts and whether to expect those efforts to increase. They will also consider how state budgets may be impacted by new policy, if cities will step into the regulatory fray, and whether NGO litigation might grow against the federal government, states, and industry. Cooperative federalism under the current administration will be addressed as well. This panel will include a lively discussion of these critical issues and provide insight into how your clients may be affected and how you can better counsel them in light of these potentially new paradigms.

MODERATOR:
Alexandra Dapolito Dunn, Regional Administrator, Region 1, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC

SPEAKERS:
Carol Comer, Director, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Jefferson City, MD
Joan Matthews, Senior Attorney, Natural Resources Defense Council, New York, NY
Richard Moore, Coordinator, Los Jardines Institute, Albuquerque, NM

THE NEXT GENERATION OF TOXIC TORTS

Environmental lawyers are well-versed in the exposure clients might face for traditional toxic torts, such as asbestos exposure and drinking water contamination, but the universe of toxic torts is growing rapidly. A panel of experienced environmental litigators will discuss the new toxic torts emerging as potentially significant risks for clients, including vapor intrusion, toxic turf, and talc. They will explore how scientific advancements, evolving regulatory standards, and social pressure set the stage for cases arising from these and other risks and will provide strategies for preparing for and responding to claims.

MODERATOR:
Shelly Geppert, Eimer Stahl LLP, Chicago, IL

SPEAKERS:
William Anderson, Crowell & Moring LLP, Washington, DC
Leigh O'Dell, Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis & Miles, P.C., Montgomery, AL
Steven T. Miano, Hangley Aronchick Segal Pudlin & Schiller, Philadelphia, PA

THE DOMINO EFFECT OF RISING SEAS: COASTAL SITING AND FUTURE WAVES OF LITIGATION?

Sea level rise is creating new environmental challenges. These challenges include implementing relevant environmental policies to adapt to the risks posed by stronger and more frequent storms and coastal inundation. But less direct consequences related to water resources, legacy environmental liabilities, and current industrial and energy operations need to be considered as well. Sea level rise also has evolving financial and risk management implications in the disclosure and insurance arenas. Governments have a direct responsibility to protect citizens and provide safe and reliable water supplies. Businesses that operate in the near-coastal zone have strengthened their resiliency and are managing both increased risks of incremental challenges and guarding against potential catastrophic incidents, while balancing shareholder considerations. This panel will discuss the steps being taken in response to sea level rise and the potentially increasing wave of disclosure/risk management litigation with legal perspectives from the government, business, and risk management points of view.

MODERATOR:
Meg Caldwell, Deputy Director, Oceans, David and Lucile Packard Foundation, Los Altos, CA

SPEAKERS:
Shannon Bañaga, Director of Federal Affairs, TECO Energy Inc., Washington, DC
James Murley, Chief Resilience Officer, Miami-Dade County Office of Resilience, Miami, FL
Margaret E. Peloso, Vinson & Elkins LLP, Washington, DC

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

LUNCHEON
1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
**EXPERT INSIGHT PANELS**
*Titles and descriptions to be announced.*

2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
**NETWORKING BREAK**

## CONCURRENT CLE SESSIONS

2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
**SCIENCE ON TRIAL: IS IT LEGALLY HONEST?**
Recently, an Executive Order called for the use of “best available” science, EPA dismissed members of its science advisory board, and the EPA Administrator suggested that a scientific panel debate climate science issues. Meanwhile, the House of Representatives passed the Honest and Open New EPA Science Treatment Act of 2017 (HONEST, HR 1430) and American scientific organizations organized a “march for science.” What does this mean for the environmental law practitioner? This panel will summarize the scientific method, in contrast with “applied science,” and discuss science in current policy and legal applications. Methodology will be compared, focusing on the implications for rulemaking under the Administrative Procedures Act and best practices for a lawyer appearing before EPA, FERC, or other federal agencies. Discussion will also focus on the potential impacts of the Supreme Court’s *Daubert* decision.

**MODERATOR:**
Adam Love, Ph.D., Vice-President/Principal, Roux & Associates, Inc., Oakland, CA

**SPEAKERS:**
Paul Singarella, Latham & Watkins LLP, Costa Mesa, CA  
Steph Tai, Professor, Wisconsin University Law School, Madison, WI  
Hannah Wiseman, Professor, Florida State University College of Law, Tallahassee, FL

**MEANINGFUL TRIBAL CONSULTATION—MORE THAN CHECKING A BOX**
Environmental, energy and resources lawyers often need to advise clients regarding tribal consultation on project siting. The question of what constitutes meaningful and timely consultation was recently highlighted by the protests and lawsuits surrounding the siting and construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline. Federal agencies are required by certain statutes, and directed by Executive Orders and presidential memoranda, to consult with Indian tribes when a federal action or decision may affect tribal interests. Specifically, the National Historic Preservation Act, Executive Order 13175, and the Seminole Tribe’s compact right of consultation all contain requirements that provide the framework for consultation. This informative discussion will provide practitioners an outline of best practices and provide insight for conducting meaningful consultation. Panelists will consider when federal agencies need to consult with Indian tribes, the role that private companies have in the consultation process, and which tribes to consult.

**MODERATOR:**
Michelle Diffenderfer, Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A., West Palm Beach, FL

**SPEAKERS:**
L. Michael Bogert, Parsons Behle & Latimer, Boise, ID/Washington, DC  
Elizabeth Kronk Warner, Professor and Director, Tribal Law and Government Center, University of Kansas School of Law, Lawrence, KS  
Hilary Tompkins, Hogan Lovells, Washington, DC

**THE NEW ADMINISTRATION ON THE WORLD STAGE: FROM NAFTA TO PARIS, OZONE, OCEANS, CHEMICALS, AND E-WASTE**
Ramifications of U.S. policy shifts extend globally, from NAFTA to the Paris Agreement and beyond. International practitioners and academic experts will review actions taken by the Trump administration and explain how key implications of revised U.S. positions will affect your environmental law practice. The panel will consider the role of the U.S. in significant international environmental agreements and forums, such as the Montreal Protocol’s MOP 28 Kigali Amendment to regulate greenhouse gases, international agreements protecting marine resources, illegal fishing and ocean bed mining, the UN’s High-level Political Forum 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and international efforts surrounding mercury and the disposal of e-waste. This panel will provide a current understanding of the new administration’s impacts on the world stage and the implications for future U.S. international environmental, energy, and resources commitments.
SO, THERE’S BEEN A RELEASE? EXPLORING THE ETHICS OF ADVISING YOUR CLIENT

This session will examine the ethical duties related to a hypothetical hazardous material release. The ABA Model Rules will be used, focusing on Rule 1.6, to highlight the problems faced by lawyers in complying with positive law and the duty of confidentiality. The panel will consider the following: If there is a legitimate fear that the release poses the threat of injury to people or property, what is your ethical duty? What if you are unsure? What is “reasonable” in terms of the process that is undertaken to obtain answers to these questions? The session will provide practical tips on a range of ethical issues that can arise in the midst of a release and will provide valuable insights for all environmental practitioners.

TASTE OF SEER (DINE AROUNDS)

On Friday evening, you are invited to participate in a Dutch-treat dinner (each person pays for his or her own meal). Dinner reservations have been made at several restaurants in Orlando near the conference hotel. Each dinner will be organized by a Section leader and will have a conversation theme. This is a great opportunity to meet new people, eat great food, and have lively discussions. Additional information about how to sign-up will be coming soon!

Speakers subject to change.
The 47th Spring Conference will take place at the Hilton Bonnet Creek, 14100 Bonnet Creek Resort Lane Orlando, FL 32821. A block of rooms has been reserved at the discounted rate of $255 plus tax for single/double rooms. A limited number of government rate rooms are also available for $110 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, March 19, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. (CST). To book our contracted rate, call (888) 353-2013 or the hotel directly at (407) 597-3600 or reserve online at https://aws.passkey.com/go/abasc2018. Be sure to mention the ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources 2018 Spring Conference.

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The deadline to receive the early bird registration rate for the 47th Spring Conference is Monday, February 12, 2018. All registrations postmarked after February 12, 2018, must include an additional $50 for processing. The final cutoff date for advance registration is Monday, March 12, 2018. After this date, registrations must include an additional $25 for processing.

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If you are an ABA member but not a member of the Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources, please note that your conference registration fee ($820 before February 12, 2018 or $870 after February 12, 2018) now includes Section membership, a $75 value! You will be automatically enrolled in the Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources. ABA Membership is a prerequisite of Section membership. If you are not already an ABA member, please call (800) 285-2221. Please note: Free membership only applies to individuals who have not been a member of the Section during the past two years.
REGISTRATION FEE INFORMATION

The registration fee for the 47th Spring Conference includes tuition and online course materials developed especially for this conference. In addition, your fee covers Wednesday’s public service project and reception, Thursday’s breakfast, breaks, lunch, and reception, and dinner, and Friday’s breakfast, breaks, lunch, and reception.

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, March 12, 2018. Cancellations may be e-mailed to Jennifer.Idrovo@americanbar.org or faxed to (312) 988-5572, attn.: Program Assistant. No refunds will be granted after Monday, March 12, 2018. 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.

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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 attorneys will receive at least a 50% reduction in the course fee(s). To apply, complete the online application by visiting www.shopaba.org/environspring and clicking Registration by Monday, February 19, 2018. Questions? Contact Jennifer.Idrovo@americanbar.org.

LAW STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY A limited number of scholarships are available to law students interested in attending the entire conference. 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 Monday, February 19, 2018 to be considered. This scholarship does not include lodging or transportation. Visit www.shopaba.org/environspring for additional conference information. Questions? Contact Allison.Read@americanbar.org.

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 laptop, netbook, or tablet to view the materials on-site; complimentary Wi-Fi access will be available.

CLE CREDIT The ABA directly applies for and ordinarily receives CLE credit for ABA programs in AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, GA, GU, HI, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, ME, MN, MS, MO, MP, MT, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA, VI, WA, WI, and WV. These states sometimes do not approve a program for credit before the program occurs. This course is expected to qualify for 12.00 CLE credit hours (including 1.50 ethics hours) in 60-minute states, and 14.40 credit hours (including 1.80 ethics hours) in 50-minute states. This transitional program is approved for both newly admitted and experienced attorneys in NY. Attorneys may be eligible to receive CLE credit through reciprocity or attorney self-submission in other states. For more information about CLE accreditation in your state, visit www.shopaba.org/environspring or contact Jennifer Idrovo at Jennifer.Idrovo@americanbar.org or (312) 988-5625.

DRESS AND WEATHER Section meetings are business casual. Suggested dress includes slacks, skirts, polo–type shirts or blouses, sweaters, and comfortable shoes. The hotel will be cooler, so please pack a jacket or sweater. The average temperature in Orlando in April ranges from a high of 83 degrees to a low of 53 degrees.

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS If you have any dietary restrictions, please indicate on the attached registration form or e-mail to Jennifer Idrovo at Jennifer.Idrovo@americanbar.org by Monday, March 12, 2018, so that your needs are noted.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT If any special arrangements are required for a disabled individual to attend this program, please call Jennifer Idrovo at (312) 988-5625 by Monday, March 12, 2018.

WALT DISNEY WORLD RESORT DISCOUNTS FOR CONFERENCE ATTENDEES All attendees, as well as friends and family members traveling with you are eligible for specially priced theme park tickets. The tickets are good for pre and post conference stays, too! Information available at: https://www.mydisneygroup.com/abaspring18

These Meeting & Convention tickets offer advance purchase savings of 10% on Disney Full-Multi-Day (2 days or longer) Tickets and include one (1) complimentary +1 FUN visit to an additional Disney Experience at any one of the following (additional details are listed on the web site):

- Disney’s Typhoon Lagoon Water Park
- Disney’s Blizzard Beach Water Park
- Disney’s Winter Summerland or Disney’s Fantasia Gardens Miniature Golf Courses(before 4 p.m.)
- Greens Fees for one round of golf at Disney’s Oak Trail Golf Course, the 9-hole walking course

Partial-day tickets are available, also AFTER - 2:00 P.M. and AFTER 5:00 P.M., which are discounted off of the full 1-Day tickets.

CONFERENCE SPEAKER SUPPORT The Section strives to provide programming representing a unique depth of perspectives on all issues. We consistently work to include speakers on panels that represent tribal interests, NGO’s, and academics. To assist these speaker with the expense of attending conferences the Section offers a limited number of travel reimbursements. To assure that the Section can continue to offer travel assistance to such speakers please consider donating to our Program Support Fund. Donations are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law. Make your donation of $25 (or more) when you register.

ACHIEVING CARBON NEUTRALITY Calculated with great care, the Section estimates that the average 47th Spring Conference attendee’s participation will generate approximately one metric ton of carbon emissions. Help offset your carbon footprint by adding the cost of a one-ton carbon credit from a verified offset project that will reduce greenhouse gases. Contributions to The Fund for Justice and Education (FJE) are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law. Purchase your carbon offset when you register.
36TH ANNUAL WATER LAW CONFERENCE

The Section’s 36th Water Law Conference will take place in Orlando, FL on April 16-18, 2018, at the Hilton Bonnet Creek prior to the 47th Spring Conference. The Water Law Conference will discuss recent developments in water law highlighting topics such as the federal role in interstate water disputes, water reuse, federal reserved water rights doctrine and groundwater, the ESA and property takings, and much more. For information about the schedule and speakers, visit www.shopaba.org/environwl. If attending both conferences, it is anticipated that attendees will be eligible to receive up to 24.00 CLE credit (including 3.00 hours of ethics credit) in 60-minute states and 28.80 CLE credit (including 3.60 hours of ethics credits) in 50-minute states. Several registration options are available:

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