Historically, water law has been the province primarily of lawyers and policymakers in the arid western United States. In recent years, however, lawmakers in the Eastern and Midwestern United States have come to recognize the critical role that water management plays in securing a healthy and vibrant society over the long term.

In recognition of this development, The University of Toledo College of Law and its Legal Institute of the Great Lakes (LIGL) are proud to sponsor this ninth annual conference on national water issues. The conference this year will address three issues that greatly impact the Great Lakes region:

**Stimulating and Restoring the Great Lakes**

The federal government is directing unprecedented amounts of dollars towards getting our battered economy back on track. Following up on the remarks of the keynote speaker, this panel will analyze how federal funds are being used in the Great Lakes region to stimulate our economy by restoring our water resources through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, and the Great Lakes Legacy Act.

**The Reach of the Clean Water Act**

For nearly four decades, the federal Clean Water Act has been one of the strongest legal protections for the Great Lakes, successfully reducing water pollution from many industrial and municipal sources. But recent efforts to use the Clean Water Act to protect against other threats to water resources have achieved mixed results in court, and the jurisdictional scope of the statute is in question. This panel will explore the reach of the Clean Water Act for regulating ballast water discharges that carry invasive species, for restricting pollution from water transfers, and for protecting wetlands and coastal areas in the Great Lakes region.

**The Compact in Action**

Much has happened since the Great Lakes – St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact took effect less than a year ago, including the approval of the first new diversion of water to beyond the Great Lakes basin. This panel will highlight developments in Ohio, other Great Lakes states, and Canada as the region begins implementing this historic interstate Compact, and companion Agreement, designed to protect and conserve Great Lakes waters.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2009

8:00 a.m.  CHECK-IN FOR CLE REGISTRANTS
8:30 a.m.  WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS
   Dean Douglas Ray
8:40 a.m.  KEYNOTE SPEAKERS
   Representative Bart Stupak (invited)
   U.S. House of Representatives
   Michigan, 1st District
   Cameron Davis (invited)
   Senior Advisor to the Administrator, Great Lakes
   U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
   Chicago, Ill.

9:30 a.m.  Panel 1:
   STIMULATING AND RESTORING
   THE GREAT LAKES

   MODERATOR:
   Professor Kenneth Kilbert
   University of Toledo College of Law
   Toledo, Ohio

   SPEAKERS:
   Chris Korleski
   Director
   Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
   Columbus, Ohio
   Kristy Meyer
   Director of Agricultural & Clean Water Programs
   Ohio Environmental Council
   Columbus, Ohio
   David Nunn
   Attorney
   Eastman & Smith Ltd.
   Toledo, Ohio

11:00 a.m. BREAK

11:15 a.m. Panel 2:
   REACH OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT

   MODERATOR:
   Professor Noah Hall
   Wayne State University Law School
   Detroit, Mich.

   SPEAKERS:
   Thom Cmar
   Attorney
   Natural Resources Defense Council
   Chicago, Ill.
   Nick Schroek
   Attorney
   Great Lakes Environmental Law Center
   Detroit, Mich.

12:45 p.m. LUNCH

2:00 p.m. Panel 3:
   THE COMPACT IN ACTION

   MODERATOR:
   Professor Robert Abrams
   Florida A & M University College of Law
   Orlando, Fla.

   SPEAKERS:
   Sean Logan
   Director
   Ohio Department of Natural Resources
   Columbus, Ohio
   Marcia Valiante
   Professor of Law
   University of Windsor
   Windsor, Ontario

3:30 p.m. CLOSING

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