Historically, water law has been the province primarily of lawyers and policy makers 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 16th annual conference on national water issues.

The conference this year will address multiple issues that greatly impact the Great Lakes region.

**Flint, Michigan**

In April 2014, the drinking water supply for the City of Flint was switched from Detroit treated water to untreated water from the Flint River. As a result of the switch, water pipes corroded and Flint residents were exposed to toxic levels of lead in their drinking water for more than a year. In particular, thousands of young children in Flint have been put at risk of brain damage as a result of the lead-contaminated drinking water. Following up on the keynote speaker, this panel will explore various aspects of the Flint water crisis, including what happened and why, the ensuing litigation, and the Lead and Copper Rule under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

**Toledo, Ohio**

Nearly half a million persons in the Toledo area were left without drinking water for three days in August 2014 when microcystin, a toxin produced by harmful algae, was detected at elevated levels in the city’s public water supply. Speakers on this panel will discuss steps that have been taken during the past two years to prevent recurrence of a microcystin drinking water crisis, including developments in drinking water laws at the federal and state levels, improvements at the City of Toledo’s drinking water treatment plant, and public health research.

**Waukesha, Wisconsin**

A key aim of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact is to ban diversions of Great Lakes water to outside of the Great Lakes basin. But the City of Waukesha, located just beyond the basin though within a “straddling county,” has asked to tap into Lake Michigan water because its groundwater source for public drinking water is contaminated with radium. Earlier this year, despite significant opposition, the Great Lakes states unanimously approved Waukesha’s controversial request. This panel, featuring speakers on both sides of the dispute, will discuss this first major test of the Compact, as well as what may happen next.
FRIDAY, NOV. 4, 2016

8:00 A.M. CHECK-IN FOR CLE REGISTRANTS

8:30 A.M. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS
Andrew Hsu
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
The University of Toledo
Toledo, OH

8:45 A.M. KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Todd Flood, ’97
Special Counsel, Flint Investigation
Michigan Department of Attorney General
Royal Oak, MI

9:15 A.M. Panel 1: FLINT, MICHIGAN
Moderator:
Professor Noah Hall
Wayne State University Law School
Detroit, MI

Speakers:
Anna Clark
Author/Journalist
Detroit, MI
Sarah Tallman
Attorney
Natural Resources Defense Council
Chicago, IL

10:45 A.M. BREAK

11:00 A.M. Panel 2: TOLEDO, OHIO
Moderator:
Professor Kenneth Kilbert
The University of Toledo College of Law
Toledo, OH

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The University of Toledo
Toledo, OH

Andrew McClure
Plant Administrator
Collins Park Water Treatment
Toledo, OH

12:30 P.M. LUNCH

1:30 P.M. Panel 3: WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN
Moderator:
Professor David Strifling
Director, Water Law & Policy Initiative
Marquette University Law School
Milwaukee, WI

Speakers:
Shawn Reilly
Mayor, City of Waukesha
Waukesha, WI
David Ullrich
Executive Director
Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiative
Chicago, IL

3:00 P.M. CLOSING

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