



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

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.

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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 Taliman 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



The conference will be held in THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO COLLEGE OF LAW RICHARD AND JANE MCQUADE LAW AUDITORIUM

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Application has been made for Ohio CLE credit from the Ohio Supreme Court Commission on Continuing Legal Education for 5.0 of CLE credit including 0.0 hours of Ethics, Substance Abuse, and Professionalism.

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The Legal Institute of the Great Lakes (LIGL) is a multidisciplinary research center within the College of Law. The institute supports research, maintains publications, and sponsors conferences on legal, economic, and social issues of importance to the Great Lakes region of the United States and Canada.

Speakers:

Ann Fischbein Supervising Attorney, Drinking Water Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Columbus, OH

Professor Jason Huntley

Medical Microbiology & Immunology 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