



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 18th annual conference on national water issues.

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

Regional Water in Ohio

For decades, nearby communities have purchased treated water from the city of Toledo's drinking-water plant pursuant to long-term contracts. Now, alternative arrangements are being considered, including a "regional water" approach. This panel will discuss regionalization of water and sewer systems in Ohio, including statutory and contractual options, examples of regionalization, and insights into the Toledo area water situation and ballot question.

Regional Water Elsewhere

Regionalization of water and sewer systems beyond Ohio, in the Great Lakes region and nationally, will be discussed by this panel of experts. You will hear about the trend toward regionalization, the range of options available, some common issues, and case studies. The recently formed Great Lakes Water Authority in the Detroit area will be a particular focus, including evolution of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and relationships with customer communities, as well as current challenges related to water affordability and shut-offs.

More Hot Topics

These panelists will address three developing and important water law topics: (1) the interface between the rights of private landowners and recreational paddlers on rivers, creeks and streams; (2) the legal battle against algae in Lake Erie, featuring an update on recent legislative, administrative and judicial developments; and (3) when a point source discharge of pollutants to groundwater violates the federal Clean Water Act, including a discussion of circuit court cases decided earlier this year.



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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2018

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

8:30 A.M. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

D. Benjamin Barros

Dean, The University of Toledo College of Law
Toledo, Ohio

8:45 A.M. KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Darren Nichols

Executive Director
Great Lakes Commission
Ann Arbor, Michigan

9:15 A.M. Panel 1:
REGIONAL WATER IN OHIO

Moderator:

Prof. Kenneth Kilbert

The University of Toledo College of Law
Toledo, Ohio

Speakers:

Michael Beazley

Senior Policy Advisor
City of Toledo
Toledo, Ohio

Tim Brown

President
Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments
Toledo, Ohio

Rex Huffman

Attorney
Spitler Huffman
Rossford, Ohio

10:45 A.M. BREAK

11:00 A.M. Panel 2:
REGIONAL WATER ELSEWHERE



The conference will be held in

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4.5 HOURS OF CLE

Application has been made for Ohio CLE credit from the Ohio Supreme Court Commission on Continuing Legal Education for 4.5 hours of CLE credit including 0.0 hours of Professional Conduct credit.

COST:

FREE to the public

\$75 for CLE

\$10 for box lunch

(you must pre-register by Tuesday, Oct. 30 for a box lunch)

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Moderator:

Prof. Nicholas Schroeck

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law
Detroit, Michigan

Speakers:

R. Craig Hupp

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Grosse Pointe, Michigan

Erin Mette

Equal Justice Works Fellow
Great Lakes Environmental Law Center
Detroit, Michigan

Emily Simonson

Program Manager
U.S. Water Alliance
Washington, D.C.

12:30 P.M. LUNCH

1:30 P.M. Panel 3: MORE HOT TOPICS

Moderator:

Prof. Elizabeth McCuskey

The University of Toledo College of Law
Toledo, Ohio

Speakers:

Prof. Jennifer Jolly-Ryan

Northern Kentucky University
Chase School of Law
Highland Heights, Kentucky

Prof. Kenneth Kilbert

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Toledo, Ohio

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3:00 P.M. CLOSING