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 East 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) is proud to sponsor this fourth annual conference on national water issues. The focus this year is on federalism and the role of state and federal agencies in managing water in times of shortage. Inevitably, water crosses political boundaries thus making necessary some accommodation among the competing jurisdictions. Conflicts and problems are especially pronounced during periods of sustained drought. Parts of the Western United States have been facing severe drought conditions for the past several years.

The first panel will explore lessons from the western experience, especially in dealing with problems relating to drought. The Western United States has managed to survive and even thrive with far less water than is available in the Great Lakes Basin.

The second panel will look at the federal role in water resource management. Historically, the federal government has been reluctant to become involved in water resource issues. The reasons for this reluctance are largely political.

Finally, the third panel will look at the draft proposal for implementing the Annex 2001 commitments. The proposal includes a draft compact that would have to be approved by the eight basin states and the Congress.
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12

8:30 AM  WELCOME  Dean Phillip Closius

8:40       OPENING

9:15       Panel 1:  Western Solutions to Water Resource Problems

MODERATOR:  
Professor Robert J. Glennon
Morris K. Udall Professor of Law and Public Policy
University of Arizona
Tucson, Arizona

SPEAKERS:
Larry MacDonnell, Esq.
Browning, Porzak and Boshong
Denver, Colorado

Rita Pearson Maguire
President, CEO of Thinvale
Former director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources
Phoenix, Arizona

Professor Gregory A. Hicks
University of Washington School of Law
Seattle, Washington

10:30       BREAK

10:45       Panel 2:  The Interplay between State and Federal Law on Reserving Water for the Great Lakes

MODERATOR:  
Professor Robert H. Abrans
Florida A & M University, College of Law
Orlando, Florida

SPEAKERS:
Pamela Bush, Esq.
Assistant General Counsel, Delaware River Basin Commission
West Trenton, New Jersey

Joy Mulineux
Director, Bipartisan Senate and House Great Lakes Task Force
Washington, D.C.

Michael Diffenderfer, Esq.
Lewis, Longman & Walker
West Palm Beach, Florida

12:15 PM  LUNCH

1:45       Panel 3:  The Great Lakes Annex Proposal

MODERATOR:  
Professor Mark Squillace
The University of Toledo College of Law
Toledo, Ohio

SPEAKERS:
Sam Speck
Director, Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Ohio

David de Launay
Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Management Division
Ministry of Natural Resources
Ontario, Canada

Noah Hall
Water program manager for the National Wildlife Federation’s Great Lakes Natural Resources Center
Ann Arbor, Michigan

3:15       CLOSING

The conference will be held at The University of Toledo College of Law Auditorium

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