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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

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 sixth annual conference on national water issues.

The conference this year will address three issues with global ramifications that greatly impact the Great Lakes region.

Climate Change

Climate change is among the most hotly debated and crucial issues in our nation and the world. Panelists will discuss the impacts of global warming upon the Great Lakes region, the dispute over the United States' regulation of greenhouse gas emissions currently before the U.S. Supreme Court, and Canada's contrasting approach.

Wetlands

Many say the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark decision this summer in Rapanos v. United States "muddied the waters" regarding regulation of wetlands. Learn what the government and developers are doing in the wake of Rapanos, including insights about the anticipated new wetlands guidance issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers.

Great Lakes Annex 2001 Update

Since last year's water conference at The University of Toledo College of Law, the governors and premiers of the Great Lakes states and provinces signed important agreements to implement Annex 2001 commitments, which include protections against diversion of Great Lakes water to other parts of the nation and the world. This panel will highlight what these agreements mean, where efforts are now with respect to protecting our Great Lakes water resources, and what happens next.





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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

- 8:00 AM CHECK-IN FOR CLE REGISTRANTS
- 8:25 AM WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS Dean Douglas E. Ray
- 8:30 AM KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Peter Annin Associate Director, Institutes for Journalism and Natural Resources, Author, The Great Lakes Water Wars
- 9:15 AM Panel 1 **Climate Change in the Great Lakes Region** and Beyond

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

SPEAKERS Professor Thomas Bridgeman Environmental Sciences Department The University of Toledo Professor John Dernbach Widener University School of Law Harrisburg, Pennsylvania John Bennett **Executive Director** Climate Action Network Canada Ottawa, Ontario

10:30 AM BREAK

10:45 AM Panel 2 **Muddying the Waters?** How Rapanos v. U.S. Changed Wetlands Regulation

> **MODERATOR Professor Dennis Hirsch** Capital University Law School Columbus, Ohio

SPEAKERS: Patrick Wright, Esq. Senior Legal Analyst Mackinac Center for Public Policy Midland, Michigan



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

4.5 HOURS OF CLF Application has been made for Ohio CLE credit from the Ohio Supreme Court Commission on Continuing Legal Education for 4.5 of CLE credit including 0.0 hours of Ethics, Substance Abuse and Professionalism.

> COST: FREE to the public \$45 for CLE \$8 for box lunch

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12:15 PM LUNCH

1:45 PM

1:30 PM

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Vicki Thomas Great Lakes National Program U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Chicago, Illinois

Panel 3 Are We There Yet? Implementing Agreements Made Under Annex 2001

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

SPEAKERS:

Sam Speck Director, Ohio Department of Natural Resources Columbus, Ohio Linda Woggon, Esq. Vice President of Government Affairs Ohio Chamber of Commerce Columbus, Ohio Molly Flanagan Great Lakes Water Resources Advocate

National Wildlife Federation Ann Arbor, Michigan

3:15 PM CLOSING

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