

**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 eighth annual conference on national water issues.

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

### Groundwater Rights (and Wrongs)

Not only is groundwater a crucial source of water in the Great Lakes region, it also is a source of controversy. A proposed constitutional amendment has placed the rights to use, and the powers to manage, groundwater front and center in Ohio. This panel will provide scientific and legal context for understanding groundwater rights, use, management and dispute resolution.

#### **Transboundary Pollution**

The U.S. – Canada border does not stop pollutants from crossing. While multilateral institutions have had some success in developing solutions to transboundary pollution, a new trend is citizens using domestic courts to directly challenge transboundary pollution sources. A recently filed private prosecution in Ontario by a Canadian citizen against a Michigan power plant, alleging mercury air emissions from the plant have harmed Canadian fisheries and violated Canadian law, will serve as a case study by which the panel will explore this emerging trend.

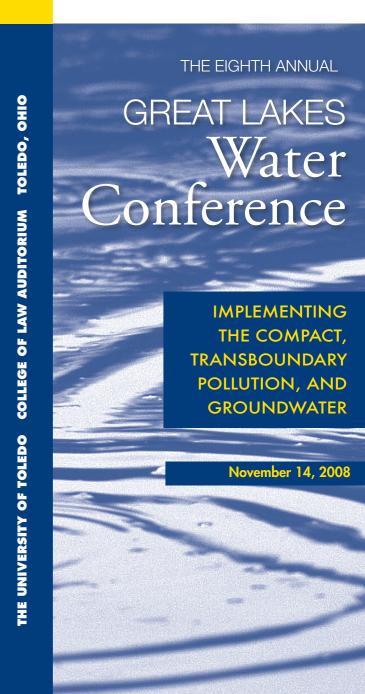
#### Implementing the Compact

Finally, the Great Lakes – St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact has been ratified by all eight Great Lakes states and is nearing approval by Congress. So what's next? The interstate Compact is designed to protect against diversion, and to promote conservation and wise management, of Great Lakes waters. This panel will highlight important issues the states are facing as they try to implement the Compact's historic provisions.

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# GREAT LAKES Water Conference

## IMPLEMENTING THE COMPACT, TRANSBOUNDARY POLLUTION, AND GROUNDWATER

Conference sponsored by: The University of Toledo College of Law and The University of Toledo College of Law Legal Institute of the Great Lakes

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2008

8:00 a.m. CHECK-IN FOR CLE REGISTRANTS

8:30 a.m. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

**Dean Douglas E. Ray** 

8:45 a.m. KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Sam Speck Commissioner

International Joint Commission

Washington, DC

9:15 a.m. Panel 1:

**GROUNDWATER RIGHTS (AND WRONGS)** 

**MODERATOR:** 

**Professor Robert Abrams** 

Florida A&M University College of Law

Orlando, FL

**SPEAKERS:** 

**Professor James Martin-Hayden** 

The University of Toledo

Department of Environmental Sciences

Toledo, OH

Louis McMahon

Attorney

McMahon DeGulis LLP

Cleveland, OH

10:45 a.m. BREAK

11:00 a.m. Panel 2:

TRANSBOUNDARY POLLUTION

**MODERATOR:** 

**Professor Noah Hall** 

Wayne State University Law School

Detroit, MI



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**SPEAKERS:** 

**Scott Edwards** 

Legal Director & Senior Attorney

Waterkeeper Alliance

New York, NY

**Craig Parry** 

Attorney

Kitchener, Ontario

**Joseph Polito** 

Attorney

Honigman Miller Schwartz & Cohn LLP

Detroit, MI

12:30 p.m. LUNCH

2:00 p.m. Panel 3:

**IMPLEMENTING THE COMPACT** 

MODERATOR:

**Professor Kenneth Kilbert** 

The University of Toledo College of Law

Toledo, OH

SPEAKERS:

**Senator Patricia Birkholz** 

Michigan State Senate

24th District

Saugatuck, MI

Sean Logan

Director

Ohio Department of Natural Resources

Columbus, OH

**Sara Gosman** 

Attorney

National Wildlife Federation

Ann Arbor, MI

3:30 p.m. C

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