



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 ninth annual conference on national water issues.

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

Stimulating and Restoring the Great Lakes

The federal government is directing unprecedented amounts of dollars towards getting our battered economy back on track. Following up on the remarks of the keynote speaker, this panel will analyze how federal funds are being used in the Great Lakes region to stimulate our economy by restoring our water resources through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, and the Great Lakes Legacy Act.

The Reach of the Clean Water Act

For nearly four decades, the federal Clean Water Act has been one of the strongest legal protections for the Great Lakes, successfully reducing water pollution from many industrial and municipal sources. But recent efforts to use the Clean Water Act to protect against other threats to water resources have achieved mixed results in court, and the jurisdictional scope of the statute is in question. This panel will explore the reach of the Clean Water Act for regulating ballast water discharges that carry invasive species, for restricting pollution from water transfers, and for protecting wetlands and coastal areas in the Great Lakes region.

The Compact in Action

Much has happened since the Great Lakes – St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact took effect less than a year ago, including the approval of the first new diversion of water to beyond the Great Lakes basin. This panel will highlight developments in Ohio, other Great Lakes states, and Canada as the region begins implementing this historic interstate Compact, and companion Agreement, designed to protect and conserve Great Lakes waters.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2009

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

8:30 a.m. **WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**
Dean Douglas Ray

8:40 a.m. **KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**
Representative Bart Stupak (invited)
U.S. House of Representatives
Michigan, 1st District

Cameron Davis (invited)
Senior Advisor to the Administrator, Great Lakes
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Chicago, Ill.

9:30 a.m. **Panel 1:**
**STIMULATING AND RESTORING
THE GREAT LAKES**

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

SPEAKERS:
Chris Korleski
Director
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Columbus, Ohio

Kristy Meyer
Director of Agricultural & Clean Water Programs
Ohio Environmental Council
Columbus, Ohio

David Nunn
Attorney
Eastman & Smith Ltd.
Toledo, Ohio

11:00 a.m. **BREAK**



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11:15 a.m. **Panel 2:**
REACH OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT

MODERATOR:
Professor Noah Hall
Wayne State University Law School
Detroit, Mich.

SPEAKERS:
Thom Cmar
Attorney
Natural Resources Defense Council
Chicago, Ill.

Nick Schroeck
Attorney
Great Lakes Environmental Law Center
Detroit, Mich.

12:45 p.m. **LUNCH**

2:00 p.m. **Panel 3:**
THE COMPACT IN ACTION

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

SPEAKERS:
Sean Logan
Director
Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Columbus, Ohio

Marc Smith
Great Lakes State Policy Manager
National Wildlife Federation
Ann Arbor, Mich.

Marcia Valiante
Professor of Law
University of Windsor
Windsor, Ontario

3:30 p.m. **CLOSING**