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 10th annual conference on national water issues.

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

**Renewable Energy: Yes In My Back Yard**

Traditional energy sources can cause adverse impacts on our environment, including our water resources. Much is being done to spur the growth of more eco-friendly renewable energy sources, such as wind and solar; yet, renewables often face regulatory obstacles and opposition from those who say “not in my backyard.” After discussing how the controversial Cape Wind project off the Massachusetts coast surmounted regulatory hurdles and the NIMBY syndrome, this panel will explore challenges faced by wind turbines on the Great Lakes and distributed solar energy facilities.

**Drugs in Our Waters**

A vast array of pharmaceuticals goes down our toilets and into our lakes, rivers and drinking water supplies. While the concentrations of these drugs detected in our waters are relatively low, there are growing concerns about their effects upon aquatic life and human health. This panel will examine these potential environmental and health effects, the current regulatory framework, and the need for future improvements in our practices and the law.

**Compact, Carp, Shores and Spills**

This panel will focus on a smorgasbord of hot legal topics affecting water resources and the Great Lakes, including: developments under the Great Lakes – St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact; efforts to stop the invasive Asian carp from threatening the valuable fisheries of the Great Lakes; recent and pending cases in the United States and Ohio Supreme Courts affecting private and public ownership and use of shores; and ramifications of recent oil spills in the Gulf of Mexico and the Kalamazoo River.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2010

8 a.m.  CHECK IN FOR CLE REGISTRANTS

8:30 a.m.  WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS
Dr. Lloyd Jacobs, President
The University of Toledo

8:45 a.m.  KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Tim Eder
Executive Director
Great Lakes Commission
Ann Arbor, Mich.

9:15 a.m.  Panel 1
RENEWABLE ENERGY: YIMBY

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

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

Susan Reid
Senior Attorney
Conservation Law Foundation
Boston, Mass.

Keith Wilkowski
Attorney
Marshall & Melhorn LLC
Toledo, Ohio

10:45 a.m.  BREAK

11:15 a.m.  Panel 2
DRUGS IN OUR WATERS

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

Speakers:
Jeffrey Lape
Deputy Director, Office of Science and Technology
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Washington, D.C.

Dr. David Pitts
Professor of Pharmacology
Wayne State University
Detroit, Mich.

Nick Schroock
Executive Director
Great Lakes Environmental Law Center
Detroit, Mich.

12:30 p.m.  LUNCH

1:45 p.m.  Panel 3
COMPACT, CARP, SHORES and SPILLS

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

Speakers:
Robert Reichel
Michigan Assistant Attorney General
Lansing, Mich.

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

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

3:15 p.m.  CLOSING