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 12th annual conference on national water issues.

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

**Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement: New Life at 40?**
Forged in 1972, the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement was instrumental in helping clean up the Great Lakes. Faced with a host of new problems not addressed 40 years ago, the U.S. and Canada have been negotiating a revised Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement and are poised to unveil it in September 2012. This panel, featuring a key negotiator for the U.S. as well as representatives from Canada, industry and the environmental community, will discuss the new agreement and what it means to the region.

**Mercury Pollution**
Mercury pollution in the Great Lakes is a significant problem for human health and the environment, and air emissions are its principal source. Yet new federal regulations designed to reduce mercury air pollution are facing vigorous opposition by the utility industry and others. On this panel, a scientist will highlight the impacts of mercury pollution on this region’s people, fish and wildlife, and two attorneys will debate the pros and cons of increased regulation of mercury air emissions.

**Water Use Legislation Spawned by the Compact**
The 2008 Great Lakes – St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact requires states to regulate water use within the Great Lakes basin as well as to prevent diversions beyond the basin. Following considerable controversy and veto of an earlier bill, Ohio’s governor this year signed legislation aimed at complying with water use management requirements of the Compact. This panel, which includes the head of the Ohio agency responsible for implementing the legislation and advocates from business and environmental organizations, will discuss ramifications of the new statute and what happens next.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2012

8:00 A.M. CHECK-IN FOR CLE REGISTRANTS

8:30 A.M. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS
Dr. Lloyd Jacobs
President of The University of Toledo

8:45 A.M. KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Tom Henry
Editorial & Environmental Writer
The Blade
Toledo, OH

9:15 A.M. PANEL 1
GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY AGREEMENT:
NEW LIFE AT 40?

Moderator:
Professor Marcia Valiente
University of Windsor
Windsor, Ontario

Speakers:
Cameron Davis
Senior Advisor to the Administrator, Great Lakes
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Washington, DC

Nick Schroech
Executive Director
Great Lakes Environmental Law Center
Detroit, MI

Kathryn Buckner
President
Council of Great Lakes Industries
Ann Arbor, MI

10:45 A.M. BREAK

11:00 A.M. PANEL 2
MERCURY POLLUTION

Moderator:
Professor Steven Baicker-Mckee
Duquesne University School of Law
Pittsburgh, PA

Speakers:
Dr. Charles Driscoll
University Professor of Environmental Systems Engineering
Syracuse University
Syracuse, NY

Jessie Rossman
Attorney
Natural Resources Defense Council
Chicago, IL

Cheri Budzynski
Attorney
Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick LLP
Toledo, OH

12:30 P.M. LUNCH

1:45 P.M. PANEL 3
WATER USE LEGISLATION SPAWNED BY
THE COMPACT

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

Speakers:
James Zehringer
Director
Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Columbus, OH

Linda Woggon
Executive Vice President
Ohio Chamber of Commerce
Columbus, OH

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

3:15 P.M. CLOSING