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 13th annual conference on national water issues.

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

**Algae in the Great Lakes**

Harmful algal blooms, fueled by excess nutrients, have reached crisis proportions in Lake Erie in recent years, causing substantial economic and aquatic damage and threatening public health. Algae is a growing problem for other Great Lakes waters, too. Following a scientist’s explanation of the algae problem and its causes, panelists will discuss the legal tools, or lack thereof, in the United States and Canada for controlling point and nonpoint sources of nutrients entering Lake Erie and its tributaries.

**Algae Across the Nation**

The Great Lakes region is not alone in its struggle with excess algae. Algae problems plague water resources in many areas of the United States, including the Chesapeake Bay, Florida, Mississippi River, and the Gulf of Mexico. This panel of public interest lawyers will discuss how they are fighting algae in other regions and how those battles may have lessons for the Great Lakes.

**The Compact, the Carp, and the Court**

This panel of experts will tackle a buffet of hot topics impacting the Great Lakes and water resources, including Waukesha’s controversial diversion proposal implicating the Great Lakes – St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact; state efforts to stop Asian carp from entering the Great Lakes; and recent cases in the U.S. Supreme Court affecting regulation of water and wetlands.
FRIDAY, NOV. 8, 2013

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

8:30 A.M.  WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS
Dr. Scott Scarborough
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
The University of Toledo

8:45 A.M.  KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Christopher Korteski
Director, Great Lakes National Program Office
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Chicago, IL

9:15 A.M.  Panel 1
ALGAE IN THE GREAT LAKES

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

Speakers:
Professor Jamie Benidickson
University of Ottawa Faculty of Law
Ottawa, Ontario

Dr. Thomas Bridgeman
Department of Environmental Sciences
The University of Toledo
Toledo, OH

10:45 A.M.  BREAK

11:00 A.M.  Panel 2
ALGAE ACROSS THE NATION

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

12:30 P.M.  LUNCH

1:45 P.M.  Panel 3
THE COMPACT, THE CARP, AND THE COURT

Moderator:
Professor Shelley Cavalieri
The University of Toledo College of Law
Toledo, OH

Speakers:
Kevin Irons
Aquatic Nuisance Species Program Manager
Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Springfield, IL

Karen Schapiro
Executive Director
Milwaukee Riverkeeper
Milwaukee, WI

3:15 P.M.  CLOSING

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