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# The Legal Dimensions of Climate Change: A conference by and for the Legal Profession

Climate change is emerging as one of the major environmental issues of our time, and lawyers are playing an increasingly active role. Although the United States has not ratified the Kyoto Protocol, important legal developments are taking place at the corporate, municipal, state, federal, and international levels. Lawyers are involved at each of these levels: advising companies on emerging best practices for climate change risk evaluation and management; assisting federal, state and local governments to develop innovative programs for monitoring and controlling greenhouse gas emissions; and exploring the potential of litigation and other legal tools to promote or delay action.

Law students and faculty, in-house counsel, law firm attorneys, government policymakers and public interest advocates should attend this one-day primer designed to provide an overview of the legal dimensions of climate change. The conference will provide information about the latest developments in the field, with a special focus on the challenges and opportunities facing the business sector. Case studies will explore how leading companies assess risk, evaluate their emissions, and develop reduction strategies. Lawyers will leave this event with information and skills they can use to help assess corporate climate risks and opportunities, and develop strategies for the future.

#### ATTENDEES WILL LEARN:

- The importance of climate change to lawyers
- National, state and municipal policy initiatives
- The global perspective
- Corporate risks and opportunities

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### 8:30 – 9:00 WELCOME AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Welcome: *David Hunter*, American University Washington College of Law (Washington, DC)

Keynote address: Climate Change as a Strategic Opportunity for Companies *Stephen D. Ramsey*, Vice President, General Electric, Environmental Programs (Fairfield, CT)

### 9:00 – 9:45 SESSION 1: BACKGROUND

*Kevin Healy (Moderator)*, Bryan Cave LLP (New York, NY)

*Dr. John Holdren*, Harvard University (Cambridge, MA) (invited)

Science Overview: Basic science of global warming

*Ken Berlin*, Skadden Arps (Washington, DC) Why should Lawyers Care about Climate Change? Overview of issues, problems and possible response actions; Role of lawyers (private practice, corporate, govt., NGO).

### 9:45 – 10:00 BREAK

### 10:00 – 11:15 SESSION 2: U.S. DOMESTIC PERSPECTIVE

*John Dernbach (Moderator)*, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

*Bryan Hannegan*, White House Council on Environmental Quality (Washington, DC) President Bush's Climate Policy: The federal government's climate change activities; views on future policy developments.

*Robert Nordhaus*, Van Ness Feldman (Washington, DC) National Policy Initiatives: Federal climate change legislation – status and prospects; National Commission on Energy Policy.

*Laura Kosloff*, Trexler & Associates (Portland, OR) (invited) State Climate Change Initiatives: California auto emissions standards; Northeast Regional GHG Initiative; other state activity.

### 11:15 – 12:30 SESSION 3: THE GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

*Michael Gerrard (Moderator)*, Arnold & Porter (New York, NY)

*Donald M. Goldberg*, Center for International Environmental Law (Washington, DC) Whither the Kyoto Protocol? Implications for US policy, US companies; Post-2012 scenarios.

*Juergen Maier*, Germany NGO Forum (invited). Response abroad: The EU Emissions Trading System; activities in other nations, including Canada, Russia, China, India.

*Charles DiLeva*, The World Bank (Washington, DC) Implications for international trade

### 12:30 LUNCHEON ADDRESS *speaker to be confirmed*

### 2:00 – 3:15 SESSION 4: RISKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

*Antonia Bryson (Moderator)*, Urban Environmental Law Center (New York, NY)

*Kevin Healy*, Bryan Cave LLP (New York, NY) Litigation: Update on pending lawsuits.

*Dave Buente*, Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP (Washington, DC) Fiduciary Duties of directors and officers: Insurance perspective; in-house counsel perspective.

*John Stowell*, Cinergy Corporation (Cincinnati, OH) Shareholder Initiatives: Corporate responses to shareholder initiatives

### 3:15 – 3:30 BREAK

### 3:30 – 4:45 SESSION 5: MITIGATING RISK AND SEIZING OPPORTUNITY

*Tom Kerr (Moderator)* U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (Washington, DC)

*Lisa Grice*, CH2MHill (Boulder, CO) High-quality Corporate GHG Inventories and Tracking: Lessons learned, best practice case studies.

*MaryAnn Sullivan*, Hogan & Hartson (Washington, DC) Transactional Issues: Offsets investments; emissions credits and ownership rights.

*Ellen Quinn*, United Technologies Corporation (Hartford, CT) Assessing Climate Risk, Setting GHG Reduction Targets: Tracking and reporting reductions; monitoring & verification.

### 4:45 – 5:00 CLOSING REMARKS, PREVIEW OF COMING ATTRACTIONS

*Tom Kerr*, U.S. EPA and *John Dernbach*, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Co-Chairs, ABA Sustainable Development, Ecosystems and Climate Change Committee.