



Environmental Law & Policy Annual Review
Washington, D.C., Conference
Friday, March 28, 2025
9:30 AM – 2:45 PM

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Welcome and Introduction

9:30 AM – 9:50 AM

- **Jordan Diamond**, President, Environmental Law Institute
- **Linda K. Breggin**, Senior Attorney, Environmental Law Institute
- **Michael P. Vandenbergh**, David Daniels Allen Distinguished Chair of Law, Vanderbilt University Law School
- **Sydney Schoonover**, Editor-in-Chief, ELPAR
- **Chloe Allen**, Development Editor, ELPAR

Utilities with Purpose

9:50 AM – 11:10 AM

- **Panel Introduction: Trip Johnson**, Student Article Editor Vanderbilt Law School
- **Professor Joel B. Eisen (co-author)**, Professor of Law, University of Richmond
- **Professor Heather Payne (co-author)**, Carter C. Kissell Professor in Law, The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law
- **Mike O'Boyle (remote)**, Senior Director, Electricity, Energy Innovation: Policy and Technology LLC
- **Anjali Patel**, Vice President for Clean Energy, David Gardiner and Associates
- **Megan Terrell**, Partner, Plauché & Carr

Break

11:10 AM – 11:20 AM

Disrupting Utility Law for Water Justice

11:20 AM – 12:50 PM

- **Panel Introduction: Jason Teets**, Student Article Editor, Vanderbilt Law School
- **Professor Sharmila Murthy (author)**, Professor of Law and Public Policy, School of Law and the College of Social Sciences, Northeastern University
- **Robert Ballenger**, Divisional Supervising Attorney, Community Legal Services of Philadelphia
- **Carolyn Berndt**, Legislative Director for Sustainability, National League of Cities
- **Tracy Mehan**, Executive Director, Government Affairs, American Water Works Association [Participating as an Individual]
- **Steve Willborn**, Chair, Scope and Program Committee, Uniform Law Commission

Break (boxed lunch provided)

12:50 PM – 1:20 PM

Transitioning to Regenerative Agriculture One French Fry at a Time

1:20 PM – 2:40 PM

- **Panel Introduction: Jay Eischen**, Student Article Editor, Vanderbilt Law School
- **Professor Alexia Brunet Marks (author)**, Professor of Law, University of Colorado Law School
- **Carrie Apfel**, Deputy Managing Attorney, Sustainable Food & Farming Program, Earthjustice
- **Bonnie McGill**, Senior Climate and Ecosystem Scientist, Climate and Soil Health Initiative, National Programs, American Farmland Trust
- **Brad Redlin**, Program Manager, Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program and the Soil Health Financial Assistance Program, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Closing Remarks - Conclusion

2:40 PM – 2:45 PM

- **Nicholas Summers**, Student Executive Editor, Vanderbilt Law School