

Environmental Law Institute's 21st Annual Western Boot Camp on Environmental Law[®] Draft Agenda

Dates: April 29th – May 1st, 2025

Location: 515 South Flower Street, 25th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90071
(Paul Hastings, LLP)

Please note: This draft agenda is subject to change, with additional speakers to be announced. Upon finalization, all registrants will receive an updated copy of the agenda. For more information, please contact: cle@eli.org.

Day 1 (April 29, 2025)

- 7:45–8:00 Registration
- 8:00–8:15 Welcome and Introduction to Boot Camp
Madison Calboun – Environmental Law Institute
- 8:15–9:15 National Environmental Policy Act & The California Environmental Quality Act
Jennifer Roy - Latham & Watkins LLP
Benjamin J. Hanelin – Latham & Watkins LLP
- 9:15–9:20 Break
- 9:20–10:20 Endangered Species Act
Paul Weiland – Nossaman LLP
- 10:20–10:35 Break
- 10:35–12:35 Clean Water Act
Ben Harris – Los Angeles Water Keeper
Jennifer F. Novak – The Law Office of Jennifer F. Novak
- 12:35–2:00 Lunch Break (Lunch Provided)
- 2:00–4:15 Clean Air Act
Clare Ellis – Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP
Derek McDonald – Baker Botts LLP
- 4:15–4:30 Break

- 4:30–6:00 Energy Law
Tyler A. O'Connor – Crowell & Moring LLP
Ruta Kalvaitis Skučas – Crowell & Moring LLP
- 6:00–6:05 Closing Remarks
Sarah Vican – Environmental Law Institute
- 6:05–8:00 Western Boot Camp Networking Reception

Day 2 (April 30, 2025)

- 7:45–8:00 Check-In
- 8:00–8:10 Welcome Remarks
Madison Calboun – Environmental Law Institute
- 8:10–10:10 Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
J. Tom Boer – Hogan Lovells LLP
Loren Dunn – Beveridge & Diamond PC
- 10:10–10:25 Break
- 10:25–12:25 Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
Laura Kerr – Stoel Rives LLP
- 12:25–1:55 Lunch Break (Lunch Provided)
- 1:55–3:25 Environmental Justice
Sabrina Ashjian – UCLA School of Law
Maya Golden-Krasner - Center for Biological Diversity
- 3:25–3:40 Break
- 3:40–5:40 Environmental Liabilities in Business Transactions
Patricia Lin – Corning Incorporated
Lea Phillips – Ballard Spahr LLP
- 5:40–5:45 Closing Remarks
Sarah Vican – Environmental Law Institute

Day 3 (May 1, 2025)

- 7:45–8:00 Check-In
- 8:00–8:05 Welcome Remarks
Madison Calboun – Environmental Law Institute
- 8:05–9:50 Environmental Enforcement
Lily N. Chinn – Hogan Lovells LLP
Sean Hecht – Earthjustice
- 9:50–10:05 Break
- 10:05–11:05 Ethics in Environmental Law
Daniel Jacobs – Jacobs Sustainability
- 11:05 – 11:10 Break
- 11:10 – 12:10 Agriculture, Food, and the Environment
Michael T. Roberts – UCLA School of Law
- 12:10–1:40 Lunch Break (Lunch Provided)
- 1:40–3:10 Climate Change Law
Karen M. McGaffey – Perkins Coie LLP
Kevin Poloncarz – Covington & Burling LLP
- 3:10–3:25 Break
- 3:25–4:55 Environmental, Social, and Corporate Governance
Brian Israel – Paul Hastings LLP
- 4:55–5:00 Conclusion to Boot Camp
Sarah Vican – Environmental Law Institute