



Second National Conference of Lawyers Committed to Addressing the Climate Emergency

Conference co-sponsored by the Environmental Law Institute, A Call To The Bar, and George Washington University Law School

On April 20, 2018, a group of leading lawyers and academics will convene to discuss the problem of climate change and the role of lawyers in advancing solutions. This is the second annual national conference on this imperative subject at the forefront of environmental law. This year's conference will feature leading experts addressing the most vital aspects of the climate crisis from a legal perspective, including: litigation, economics, risk management, and environmental justice. Additionally, the conference will feature a program on specific ideas to guide lawyers in becoming engaged advocates and make a difference on climate change.

The main topics to be explored include filling the federal gap on climate action, the economic risks and rewards of climate action, companies and NGOs taking action on climate change, state and local climate action strategies, major developments in climate litigation, and a session on how participants can take action on the climate crisis. This free event features leaders on the forefront of these issues and will take a multifaceted dive into addressing the climate emergency.

12:00-12:30pm REGISTRATION

12:30-12:50pm Welcome and Keynote: Filling the Federal Climate Action Gap

[Scott Fulton](#), President, Environmental Law Institute

[Steve Harvey](#), President, A Call to the Bar

[Professor LeRoy C. Paddock](#), Associate Dean for Environmental Law Studies, George Washington University Law School (*invited*)

[Yolanda Pagano](#), Treasurer, A Call to the Bar

[Senator Sheldon Whitehouse](#) (D-RI)

12:50-1:40pm The Economic Risk and Rewards of Climate Action

[Kenneth L. Adams](#), Partner, Adams Holcomb LLP and US Coordinating Counsel, Center for Climate Integrity

[Bob Litterman](#), Chairman, Risk Committee & Founding Partner, Kepos Capital

When:

April 20, 2018
12:00PM – 5:30PM EDT

Reception to follow

Where:

George Washington University
Law School
2000 H Street, NW
Washington, DC 20052
And via webinar

RSVP:

This event is free and open to the public, however registration is required.

Register by April 18, 2018

Webinar information will be emailed one business day prior to the event.



1:40-2:30pm Companies and NGOs Taking Action on Climate Change

[Greg Bertelsen](#), Senior Vice President, Climate Leadership Council (*invited*)

[Michelle Billig Patron](#), Director of Sustainability Policy, Microsoft

[Sally Fisk](#), Assistant General Counsel, Pfizer Inc.

2:30-3:00pm NETWORKING BREAK

3:00-3:50pm State and Local Climate Action Strategies

[Vicki Arroyo](#), Executive Director, Georgetown Climate Center, Assistant Dean of Centers and Institutes, and Professor from Practice, Georgetown University Law Center

[John Byrne](#), Director & Distinguished Professor of Energy and Climate Policy, University of Delaware and Chairman & President, Foundation for Renewable Energy & Environment

[Mike Grainey](#), Principal, Michael W. Grainey, Consulting LLC

3:50-4:40pm Climate Litigation Now

[Dena Adler](#), Climate Law Fellow, Sabin Center for Climate Change Law, Columbia Law School

[Tom Lorenzen](#), Partner, Environment & Natural Resources and Government Affairs groups, Crowell Moring

[Ed McTiernan](#), Partner, Arnold & Porter

[William J. Snape, III](#), Fellow, Practitioner-In-Residence, and Assistant Dean of Adjunct Faculty Affairs, American University Washington College of Law, and Senior Counsel, Center for Biological Diversity

4:40-5:30pm How Can You Take Action on the Climate Crisis?

[John Dernbach](#), Commonwealth Professor of Environmental Law and Sustainability and Director, Environmental Law and Sustainability Center, Widener University Commonwealth School of Law (*invited*)

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5:30pm RECEPTION