# WSBA CLE #27470 SEA/WEB

# The Changing Landscape of Environmental, Land Use and Natural Resource Law Since January 2025: Uphold Law and Policy, Uplift People and Planet

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2026

**Approved for 6.75 CLE credits**
**(5.75 Law and Legal Procedure + 1.0 Ethics).**
$235 - Environmental & Land Use Law Section Members
$275 - Standard/Non-Section Members
$275 - Join Section
$235 - New Members*

**Washington State Bar Association**
1325 Fourth Ave., Suite 600 | Seattle, WA 98101

**IN-PERSON & WEBCAST**

## DESCRIPTION

***Presented in partnership with the WSBA Environmental & Land Use Law Section***

How are we navigating the fields of environmental and land use law in the face of federal rollbacks, tech-driven impacts, and future ecosystems? Join us in-person or online to hear from attorneys, academics and other professionals as they seek to answer these, and other, pressing questions for today's Environmental and Land Use legal professional.

**CO-CHAIRS**
**Aurora Martin, Esq.** - *Front and Centered, Seattle*
**Eric Laschever, Esq.** - *Laschever Law, Seattle*

## SCHEDULE

**8:15 a.m. > Check-in • Walk-in Registration • Refreshments**

**8:35 a.m. > Webcast Log-In Opens**

**8:50 a.m. > Welcome and Introductions by Program Co-Chairs**
- **Aurora Martin** – *Front and Centered, Seattle*
- **Eric Laschever** – *Laschever Law, Seattle*

**9:00 a.m. > Setting the Stage: Experiences and Observations from the Last Two Years**
***45 minutes, 0.75 credits L&LP***
This session provides an overview of the rapidly changing landscape for clean energy in the last two years, including: (1) the forced halt to offshore wind development, (2) the challenges of adapting renewable energy projects to the new clean energy tax credit requirements introduced by the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, and (3) the rapid spike in demand for energy driven by the data center boom, and how that is changing the clean energy landscape.
- **Max Friedman** – *Ashurst Perkins Coie Group, Chicago, IL*
- **Jan Hasselman** – *Earthjustice, Seattle*

**Moderators:**
- **Aurora Martin** – *Front and Centered, Seattle*
- **Eric Laschever** – *Laschever Law, Seattle*

**9:45 a.m. > Washington State's Defense of the Environment and the Rule of Law in Trump II**
***60 minutes, 1.0 credits L&LP***
The Washington State Attorney General's Office has been at the forefront of litigation to defend federal environmental protections and the rule of law during the current Administration. Whether enforcing Congressionally authorized spending on environmental initiatives, fighting directives to halt clean energy deployment, or defending the Endangered Species Act and the Clean Water Act from regulatory assault, Washington and other state Attorneys General have been heavily involved in a tumultuous time for administrative and environmental law.
- **William Sherman** – *Attorney General's Office, Seattle*

**10:45 a.m. > BREAK**

**11:05 a.m. > State Level Response: The Case of the Climate Commitment Act**
***60 minutes, 1.0 credits L&LP***
The Washington legislature enacted a program to reduce air quality disparities between overburdened communities and neighboring areas, but Ecology's initial proposal to implement the program will not address the real causes of impaired air quality in overburdened communities.
- **Matthew Cohen** – *Stoel Rives LLP, Seattle*
- **Paulina López** – *Duwamish River Community Coalition, Seattle*

**Moderators:**
- **Aurora Martin** – *Front and Centered, Seattle*
- **Eric Laschever** – *Laschever Law, Seattle*

CONTINUED >

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

# WSBA CLE #27470 SEA/WEB

## DESCRIPTION

***Presented in partnership with the WSBA Environmental & Land Use Law Section***

How are we navigating the fields of environmental and land use law in the face of federal rollbacks, tech-driven impacts, and future ecosystems? Join us in-person or online to hear from attorneys, academics and other professionals as they seek to answer these, and other, pressing questions for today's Environmental and Land Use legal professional.

**CO-CHAIRS**
**Aurora Martin, Esq.** - *Front and Centered, Seattle*
**Eric Laschever, Esq.** - *Laschever Law, Seattle*

## SCHEDULE

**12:05 p.m. > LUNCH hosted**

**1:15 p.m. > Data Centers Policy and Perspectives**
***75 minutes, 1.25 credits L&LP***
Data centers have emerged as one of the most important policy issues facing society at all levels of government. The Trump administration strongly supports artificial intelligence (AI) data centers and infrastructure that powers them, including high-voltage transmission lines and other equipment. The administration has set a priority to facilitate the rapid and efficient buildout of this infrastructure by easing Federal regulations. States and local governments as well as sectors of civil society have prioritized the issue, in some cases opposing data centers.

- **Jamie Hearn** – *Front and Centered, Seattle*
- **Elaine Harvey** – *Watershed Dept. Manager, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, Portland, OR*
- **Nico Wedekind** – *Earthjustice, Seattle*

**Moderator: Tsz Ling White** – *Seattle University School of Law, Seattle*

**2:30 p.m. > BREAK**

**2:50 p.m. > Carbon Removal on Land and Sea**
***60 minutes, 1.0 credits L&LP***
Most critical assessments of efforts to transition to a carbon neutral society conclude that it will be necessary to remove carbon from the atmosphere to meet various targets. A recent Congressional Research Service report on voluntary carbon offsets reveals a market that has expanded dramatically, while the Trump Administration has begun dismantling federal oversight of the sector. This panel examines the legal and policy dimensions of carbon removal.

- **Meghan Gavin** – *Rodinia PLLC, Lakebay*
- **Francesca Hillery** – *Indigenous Greenhouse Gas Removal Commission, Olympia*

**Moderators:**

- **Aurora Martin** – *Front and Centered, Seattle*
- **Eric Laschever** – *Laschever Law, Seattle*

**3:50 p.m. > Clean and Alternative Energy Innovations and Impacts**
***45 minutes, 0.75 credits L&LP***
The last years have witnessed major changes in the legal and policy landscape for renewable and other non-fossil fuel energy sources; this panel offers varied perspectives on these changes.

- **Max Friedman** – *Ashurst Perkins Coie Group, Chicago, IL*
- **Elaine Harvey** – *Watershed Dept. Manager, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, Portland, OR*
- **Aqsa Mengal** – *Front and Centered, Seattle*
- **Victor Zertuche** – *Earthjustice, Seattle*

**Moderators:**

- **Aurora Martin** – Front and Centered, Seattle
- **Eric Laschever** – Laschever Law, Seattle

**4:35 p.m. > BREAK**

**4:45 p.m. > Holding Lawyers Accountable: Protecting the Rule of Law Using the Rules of Professional Conduct and Other Tools**
***60 minutes, 1.0 credits Ethics***
The Rules of Professional Conduct and other ethical guardrails can guide our profession in ethically strengthening the Rule of Law and pursuing accountability in the legal profession. This discussion will ground a timely conversation on this critically important topic.

- **Hon. Deborah Stephens** – *Chief Justice, WA State Supreme Court, Olympia*
- **Eric Laschever** – *Laschever Law, Seattle*

**Moderator: Aurora Martin** – *Front and Centered, Seattle*

**5:45 p.m. > Adjourn • Complete Online Evaluations**

WASHINGTON STATE
BAR ASSOCIATION

# The Changing Landscape of Environmental, Land Use and Natural Resource Law Since January 2025: Uphold Law and Policy, Uplift People and Planet

**Friday, November 13, 2026 • #27470 SEA/WEB**

## REGISTRATION

To register online, please go to the **registration page**. Click to add to cart and complete your purchase. You may pay by credit card, or via ACH. Alternatively, you may print and mail an invoice seven business days prior to the program along with your check payable to WSBA. Credit card payments by mail or fax are no longer accepted. Note, our service provider will charge you a separate, non-refundable transaction fee of 2.5% on all bank card transactions.

Effective Oct. 1, 2025, applicable sales tax will be applied to all live seminar registrations (in-person or virtual). For more information, refer to changes to Washington sales tax law.

If special accommodations are needed, please email **cle@wsba.org** or call toll-free at 1-800-945-9722.

☐ *Please omit my name from the networking list made available to exhibitors and/or attendees.*

### PRICING INFORMATION

☐ **#27470 SEA, attend in Seattle, 11/13/26**

- ◯ $235 - Environmental & Land Use Law Section Members (discount applied at checkout)
- ◯ $275 - Standard/Non-Section Members
- ◯ $275 - Join Section [add the related item Environmental & Land Use Law Section Membership ($40) to your cart during check-out and register at the discounted Section price ($235)]
- ◯ $235 - New Members*

☐ **#27470 WEB, attend via webcast, 11/13/26**

- ◯ $235 - Environmental & Land Use Law Section Members (discount applied at checkout)
- ◯ $275 - Standard/Non-Section Members
- ◯ $275 - Join Section [add the related item Environmental & Land Use Law Section Membership ($40) to your cart during check-out and register at the discounted Section price ($235)]
- ◯ $235 - New Members*

**Active members of the Washington State Bar Association will be considered New Members through the calendar end of the tenth year following admittance to practice in the state. The store will automatically discount registration, if applicable, during checkout.*

### Seminar Registration Transfers, Refunds and Cancellations

In most circumstances, if you cannot attend the live event, we can transfer your registration to the on-demand product, once available (8-10 weeks from the program delivery date). Generally, for webcast/webinar registrations, tuition fees may be refunded, less $25 for processing, for written cancellations postmarked, emailed, or faxed up to the start of the event. For in-person registrations, tuition fees may be refunded, less $25 for processing, for written cancellations postmarked, emailed, or faxed by 5 p.m. up to three business days before the event. No refunds will be provided after the dates specified. You may also send a substitute in lieu of canceling. *When applicable, specific exceptions to these policies will be noted on individual event registration pages.* Please email cle@wsba.org with any requests or questions.

**ONLINE >** Go to **www.wsbacle.org** and enter **27470** in the search box. Payment by credit card.

**PHONE >** Call **800-945-9722** or **206-443-9722** with credit card and registration/order form in hand. Our service provider will charge you a separate, non-refundable transaction fee of 2.5% on all bank card transactions.