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

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IN-PERSON & WEBCAST

DESCRIPTION

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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, touching on some key developments impacting policy, practice, and the various groups impacted at the intersection of such regulatory and policy changes — from clean energy and regulation of carbon, National Environmental Policy Act, Clean Water Act, Endangered Species, to other environmental laws and policies. Coming from different perspectives, the panel will share key insights and observations.
- **Max Friedman** – *Ashurst Perkins Coie Group, Chicago, IL*
- **Jan Hasselman** – *Earthjustice, Seattle*

Moderators:
- **Aurora Martin** – *Front and Centered, Seattle*
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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*
- **Alexandra Johnson** – *Duwamish River Community Coalition, Seattle*

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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*
- **Walker Stanovsky** – *Philip Lee (US) LLP, New York, NY*

Moderators:

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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.

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

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

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