ADVANCED SPECIAL TOPICS IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

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COURSE REQUIREMENTS
Winter 2021

This course features a series of in-depth presentations and discussion with leading environmental lawyers. The goal is for you to gain both a broader and deeper understanding of how environmental law works in practice.

Because there are only five meetings throughout the semester, attendance is mandatory. If there is a major conflict and you are unable to attend a presentation, you need to let me know beforehand. Absences will affect your final grade.

Readings:

Readings will be posted on GauchoSpace. Students will be expected to read the material assigned in advance of each lecture and participate in the discussion.

Response Papers:
Short response papers will be required after all lectures. Response papers should NOT just summarize the information you heard in class. Rather, your response should explore potential applications, conflicts, uncertainties or innovations drawn from the ideas presented in class and the readings. Additional research is not needed to develop response papers. You should draw information from the lecture, assigned papers and your own knowledge and experience. We will often have two speakers per class. Your paper should address only one of the topics discussed.

Each response paper should be no more than 2 pages, single-spaced. They are due by 5pm, Friday, same week of each lecture.

Grading:
The final grade will be based on the response papers (15% for each response paper) and class participation (25%).
January 6
Ann Carlson – UCLA Law School
Climate litigation

David Hunter – American University, Washington College of Law
World Bank Inspection Panel

January 13
Jena Acos – Brownstein Hyatt
Regulating marijuana cultivation

Russ McGlothin – O’Melveney
Implementing SGMA

January 20
Richard Roos-Collins
Dam removal on the Klamath

January 27
Justin Pidot – University of Arizona Law School
Current issues in public lands management

February 3
Charles Sheehan – US EPA
The Inspector General’s Office