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 six 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 three of the classes. You can decide which to write about. Response papers should NOT simply summarize the information you heard in class. Rather, your response should explore potential applications, conflicts, uncertainties or questions stimulated by the ideas presented in class and the readings. Additional research is not needed to develop response papers. Your paper should address only one of the topics discussed in the class unless you prefer to link them.

Each response paper should be no more than 3 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 (25% for each response paper) and class participation (25%).
January 5
Russ McGlothlin – O’Melveney
Implementing SGMA

No class on the 12th

January 19
Ray Ludwiszewski – Gibson Dunn
The California waiver

January 26
Richard Roos-Collins
Dam removal on the Klamath

February 2
Natalie Hanlon-Leh – Colorado Attorney General’s Office
Madison Harris – NOAA Fisheries Office of International Affairs (Bren grad)

February 9
Marc Campopiano – Latham Watkins (Bren Grad)
Creating sustainable development projects

Jena Acos – Brownstein Hyatt
Regulating marijuana cultivation

February 16
Maggie Hall – Environmental Defense Center
Offshore fracking

Charles Sheehan – US EPA
The Inspector General’s Office