

**Proudly Presents:**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference on North American  
Environment, Energy and Natural Resources**

**A SYMPOSIUM TO ADDRESS INTERNATIONAL ISSUES:  
THE IMPACT OF GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE  
INITIATIVES  
MULTI-LATERAL AGREEMENTS  
CHALLENGES TO SUSTAINABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT  
MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL ENERGY SYSTEMS**

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*Engage in an international discussion on the effects of climate change and the internationalization of energy production and distribution in Mexico, Canada, and the United States. This conference will bring together experts spanning North America from government, academia, and the private sector as they shed light on problems and solutions in today's rapidly changing environment.*

# Schedule of Events

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2017

8:00- 8:15 Registration

8:15-8:30 Welcome Remarks  
Dean Leonard M. Baynes, University of Houston Law Center  
Dean Ian Holloway, University of Calgary School of Law

### **Impact of Global Climate Change Initiatives on Energy Systems**

8:30-9:30 KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Cesar Rafael Chavez, Executive Director of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation

9:30-10:30 KEYNOTE ADDRESS: The Honorable William K. Reilly, American University Center for Environmental Policy

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-11:55 Moderator: Tracy Hester, Lecturer, University of Houston Law Center  
Chidinma B. Thompson, Partner, Barrister, and Solicitor, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP:  
*Transition to a Low Carbon Energy Economy: the Legal Agenda*  
Miriam Grunstein, Nonresident Scholar, Baker Institute's Mexico Center:  
*Mexico is Soaking Up the Sun: The First Electricity Auction in Mexico and the Triumph of Solar Projects*  
Megan Reilly Cayten, Emerging markets infrastructure specialist and Board member, National Environmental Education Foundation: *Opportunities and Challenges of US-Mexico Energy Integration*

Noon-1:00 Lunch  
KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Victor Flatt, Thomas F. and Elizabeth Taft Distinguished Professor in Environmental Law; Director, Center for Climate, Energy, Environment & Economics University of North Carolina School of Law: *Blast From the Past: EIAs May Become the Most Important Global Climate Change Initiative of All*

1:15 -2:30 Moderator: Charles Irvine, Partner, Irvine & Conner PLLC  
Brigham Daniels, Professor, Brigham Young University School of Law: *Local, Federal, and International Politics of Climate Change in the Age of Trump*  
Blake Hudson, Burlington Resources Professor of Environmental Law and  
Edward J. Womac, Jr. Professor of Energy Law: *Climate Change, Forests, and Biofuels*

2:30-2:40 Break

## **Multi-lateral Agreements and Their Impact on Energy Systems**

- 2:40-3:55 Moderator: Julian Cardenas, University of Houston Law Center  
Praveen Kumar, Executive Director, Gutierrez Energy Management Institute, C.T. Bauer  
College of Business, University of Houston: *Environmental Sensitivity and Voluntary Compliance by Energy Firms*  
Oscar Lugo, Professor of Law, Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León: *The Impact of the Agreements of the WTO and NAFTA on the New Trade Relationship on Energy Between Mexico, the US and Canada*  
Monika Ehrman, Associate Professor of Law, University of Oklahoma College of Law: *The Impracticability of the "Keep It In The Ground" Movement*
- 3:55 – 5:15 Moderator: Ricardo Colmener, Affiliate Scholar for International Energy Programs, University of Houston Law Center  
Gina Warren, Associate Professor of Law, University of Houston Law Center: *1-Click Energy*  
Gabriel Collins, Baker Botts Fellow in Energy & Environmental Regulatory Affairs, Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy: *Implementing Three-Dimensional Groundwater Management in a Texas Groundwater Conservation District*
- 5:15 – 6:00 Reception
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner  
KEYNOTE ADDRESS: The Honorable Hilary C. Tompkins, Former Solicitor, Office of the Solicitor, United States Department of Interior

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2017

8:30 – 9:00 Continental Breakfast

9:00 –10:30 **Dean’s Panel: Environment, Energy and Natural Resources  
Under the Trump Administration**

Moderator: Leonard M. Baynes, Dean, University of Houston Law Center  
Alex Juden, Secretary and General Counsel, Schlumberger  
Kay McCall, President, CEO & General Counsel, Noble Environmental Power  
Tony Trevino, General Counsel, Lewis Energy Group  
William Turcotte, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Noble Corp.  
William P. Swenson, Executive Vice President and General Counsel,  
Hilcorp Energy Company

10:30-10:45 Coffee Break

### **Systemic Challenges to Sustainable Energy Development**

10:45-12:15 Moderator: Margaret Anne Hill, Partner, Blank Rome LLP  
Hannah Wiseman, Attorneys’ Title Professor, Florida State University College of Law  
*Governing Local Unconventional Oil and Gas Impacts Within Preemption Gaps*  
Maria del Pilar Rodríguez Ibáñez, Professor of Law, Universidad Autónoma  
de Nuevo León: *Challenges and Opportunities for Social Impact Assessments on  
Energy Projects in Mexico*  
Allan Ingelson, Faculty of Law & Executive Director, Canadian Institute of Resources Law,  
University of Calgary: *Regulatory Challenges for the Re-use and Recycling of  
Produced Water From Hydraulic Fracturing*

### **Multi-Jurisdictional Energy Systems**

12:30–1:45pm Lunch  
KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Fenner Stewart, Assistant Professor of Law, University of Calgary and  
James Coleman, Assistant Professor of Law, Dedman School of Law, Southern Methodist  
University: *Integrated North American Energy Systems: The U.S. and Canadian  
Contributions*

2:00-3:30 Moderator: Mark James, Senior Research Fellow and Assistant  
Professor, Vermont Law School  
Roxana-Andreea Mastor, LLM Global Energy Fellow, Vermont Law School:  
*Displacement and Climate Change*  
Alejandra Bueno, Of Counsel, Cacheaux, Cavazos & Newton, and  
Chair of the AEM Bi-National Energy Committee: *Expanding Cross-Border Energy  
Infrastructure: Challenges and Opportunities.*

3:30 p.m. Concluding Remarks