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**UH Law Center hosts leading climate change experts Wednesday to discuss ‘Social Cost of Carbon’**

U.S. Supreme Court agrees to review EPA’s greenhouse gas program

**Oct. 15, 2013** – The U.S. Supreme Court today agreed to review certain aspects of the EPA’s greenhouse gas program in response to a challenge from more than 80 parties, including 17 states, which claim the agency’s attempt to address climate change places an undue financial burden on them.

This and other environment issues will be discussed Wednesday evening at the University of Houston Law Center when two climate change experts consider “The Social Cost of Carbon” as part of the Fall Speaker Series sponsored by the school’s Environment, Energy & Natural Resources Center.

The kick-off presentation features David Bookbinder, former chief climate counsel of the Sierra Club, and David Bailey, former global climate policy manager for ExxonMobil, both now with Element VI Consulting.

The high court will review a June 2012 ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit which upheld EPA's greenhouse gas program, including the agency's finding that greenhouse gases endanger public health. The court is likely to take up the case early next year.

The case is the court's most high-profile environmental case since its 2007 decision in *Massachusetts v. EPA*, which held that EPA must regulate greenhouse gases as a pollutant under the Clean Air Act.

**Who:** David Bookbinder, former chief climate counsel of the Sierra Club, and David Bailey, former global climate policy manager for ExxonMobil

**What:** “The Social Cost of Carbon”

**When:** 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 16

**Where:** University of Houston Law Center, Hendricks Heritage Room

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