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Thursday, January 24

- 8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 **Welcome and Introduction**
Overview of Day One
Tessa T. Davidson, Esq., Program Co-Chair
Davidson Law Firm, Corrales, NM
Glenn Jarvis, Esq., Program Co-Chair
Law Offices of Glenn Jarvis, McAllen, TX
David W. Robbins, Esq., Program Co-Chair
Hill & Robbins, Denver, CO
- 8:45 **Rio Grande Compact**
Perspectives from the U.S. Chair
Bill Ruth, Chairman and Federal Representative
Rio Grande Compact Commission, Salado, TX
- 9:30 **The Compact and Holdover Storage**
Challenges and Issues
Estevan Lopez, PE, Director, Interstate Stream Commission
Office of the New Mexico State Engineer, Santa Fe, NM
Mike Sullivan, PE, Division Engineer, Rio Grande Basin
Colorado Office of the State Engineer, Alamosa, CO
Herman Settemeyer, PE, Water Supply Division, Interstate Compacts
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Austin, TX
- 10:30 Morning Break
- 10:45 **Ground Water and Surface Water, Part I**
What Are the Legal Principles Governing Management and Administration of the Water?
Judge Jerald A. Valentine
Third Judicial District Court, Las Cruces, NM
Timothy L. Brown, Esq.
Austin, TX
Dennis M. Montgomery, Esq.
Hill & Robbins, Denver, CO
- 12:15 Q&A Panel
Members of the Faculty
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- 1:45 **Ground Water and Surface Water, Part II**
How Are the Key Legal Principles Being Applied Today?
Conjunctive Use and Other Key Issues
Charles T. Dumars, Esq.
Law & Resource Planning Associates, Albuquerque, NM
Tom Bohl, Esq., Assistant Attorney General
Natural Resources Division
Texas Attorney General's Office, Austin, TX
William A. Paddock, Esq.
Carlson, Hammond & Paddock, Denver, CO
- 3:15 Afternoon Break
- 3:30 **Lower Rio Grande Active Water Resource Management Regulations**
New Mexico Groundwater Administration in the 21st Century
Tessa T. Davidson, Esq., Program Co-Chair
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Members of the Faculty
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Friday, January 25

- 8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast
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Tessa T. Davidson, Esq., Program Co-Chair
Glenn Jarvis, Esq., Program Co-Chair
David W. Robbins, Esq., Program Co-Chair
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Case Studies and Precedent from Other Basins
Jay F. Stein, Esq.
Stein & Brockmann, Santa Fe, NM
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Sharing a Precious River, Our Community's Identity
Justice Greg Hobbs
Colorado Supreme Court, Denver, CO
- 11:00 **Ethics**
Environmental Justice and Ethical Considerations for Administrative Hearings
Felicia Orth, Esq., Administrative Hearing Officer
New Mexico Environment Department, Santa Fe, NM
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Members of the Faculty
- 12:15 Lunch Break
- 1:30 **From the Capitol**
Legislative Initiatives
DL Sanders, Esq., Chief Counsel
Office of the New Mexico State Engineer, Santa Fe, NM
Martin C. Rochelle, Esq.
Lloyd Gosselink Blevins Rochelle & Townsend, Austin, TX
- 2:30 Afternoon Break
- 2:45 **Climate Change and Its Impacts on the River**
Basin by Basin
Chris Landry, Executive Director
Center for Snow and Avalanche Studies, Silverton, CO
- 3:45 **The Forgotten River Study**
The Findings and the Future of the Upper Rio Grande in Texas
Mary Kelly, Esq., Co-Director
Land, Water and Wildlife Program
Environmental Defense Fund, Austin, TX
- 4:45 Evaluations and Adjourn

Program Co-Chairs

Tessa T. Davidson is a fourth-generation New Mexican who practices water law, estate planning and settlement facilitation. She primarily represents large ranch owners, private institutions and businesses. She also acts as a settlement facilitator in water and estate issues.

Glenn Jarvis has been involved in Rio Grande water issues since 1963. He is Chairman of the Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group M, established by Senate Bill 1 in Texas. He has been involved in the three adjudication cases in Texas and in other water matters in the state.

David W. Robbins focuses on water and natural resources law, water quality and environmental law. He has represented the State of Colorado in a variety of interstate water matters, and served as counsel to the State Engineer in adjudication proceedings and trials concerning basin-wide rules and regulations. He is General Counsel to the Rio Grande Water Conservation District.

Keynote Presenter

Greg Hobbs was appointed to his post in 1996 and was retained by Colorado voters for a 10-year term starting in 1999. He practiced law for 10 years, focusing on water, environment, land use and transportation.

Tom Bohl has been with the Texas Attorney General's Office since 1992, representing Texas agencies in administrative law, water rights, water utilities, and interstate compact matters.

Timothy L. Brown focuses on environmental and water law, including water rights, administrative law and governmental and legislative practice. He is the former Chief of the Environmental Protection Division of the Texas Attorney General's Office.

Charles T. DuMars practices natural resource law in New Mexico, as well as in other states and internationally. He was previously Professor Emeritus at the University of New Mexico School of Law.

Mary Kelly manages the Land, Water and Wildlife program for her organization, which includes major projects to protect and restore stream flows, riparian habitat and coastal deltas.

Chris Landry was previously an instructor for the American Avalanche Institute and a private avalanche consultant and forecaster. He also published a field workbook for backcountry skiers and guides.

Estevan Lopez was appointed to his current post by Governor Richardson in 2003. He was previously County Manager and Land Use and Utility Director for Santa Fe County.

Dennis M. Montgomery has been with his firm since 1982. He was previously an Assistant Attorney General in the Natural Resources Section of Colorado's Attorney General's Office.

Felicia Orth has been in her current position since 1999 and has conducted dozens of hearings in matters relating to water quality.

William A. Paddock co-founded his firm in 1986. He previously worked in the water unit of the Colorado Attorney General's Office, representing state agencies in water rights matters.

Martin C. Rochelle focuses his practice on water policy, rights and quality matters. He represents a variety of Texas water interests before the Texas Legislature and state and federal agencies regulating water use and quality.

Bill Ruth was previously with the International Boundary & Water Commission for 25 years, retiring as Principal Engineer of Special Projects.

DL Sanders is Director of the Litigation and Adjudication Program. He is chief legal counsel to the state engineer.

Herman Settemeyer is an engineer in interstate compacts in the Water Supply Division of the TCEQ. He has over 30 years' experience in water resource engineering.

Mike Sullivan administers surface and ground water rights and oversees Colorado's Rio Grande Compact compliance. He has over 25 years of engineering and water administration experience.

Jay F. Stein and his firm practice water law throughout New Mexico and the United States, and internationally.

Jerald A. Valentine is the Presiding Judge over the Lower Rio Grande Basin Stream Adjudication. He is the Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee for Stream Adjudication Procedures.

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