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Thursday, November 1

Friday, November 2

<p>8:15 Registration and Continental Breakfast</p> <p>8:45 Welcome and Introduction Overview of Day One Alan M. Glen, Esq., Program Co-Chair Smith, Robertson, Elliott, Glen, Klein & Bell, Austin Melinda E. Taylor, Esq., Program Co-Chair, Clinical Professor of Law and Director of the Environmental Law Clinic University of Texas School of Law, Austin</p> <p>9:00 Trippin' the Life Fantastic A Tour of the ESA Steven P. Quarles, Esq. Crowell & Moring, Washington, DC</p> <p>9:45 Morning Break</p> <p>10:00 Permitting Basics—Sections 7 and 10 Implementation Challenges—Getting a Permit and Then What? David Hartman, Esq. Smith, Robertson, Elliott, Glen, Klein & Bell, Austin Alan M. Glen, Esq., Program Co-Chair</p> <p>11:00 Keynote Presentation Climate Change and the ESA J.B. Ruhl, Esq., PhD Matthews & Hawkins Professor of Property Florida State University College of Law, Tallahassee</p> <p>11:45 Q&A Panel Members of the Faculty</p> <p>12:00 Lunch Break</p> <p>1:30 Ethics Considerations for the Environmental Practitioner J. Kent Newsome, Esq. Fulbright & Jaworski, Houston</p> <p>2:30 Afternoon Break</p> <p>2:45 From the Courts Case Law Update Robert L. Gulley, Esq., Senior Trial Attorney U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC</p> <p>3:45 Stories from the Field A Potpourri of Real-Life Experiences and ESA Challenges Steven W. Carothers, PhD SWCA, Flagstaff C. Lee Sherrod, Principal and Consulting Biologist Horizon Environmental Services, Flagstaff</p> <p>5:00 Q&A Panel Members of the Faculty</p> <p>5:15 Adjourn</p>	<p>8:15 Continental Breakfast</p> <p>8:45 Welcome Back Overview of Day Two Alan M. Glen, Esq., Program Co-Chair, and Melinda E. Taylor, Esq., Program Co-Chair</p> <p>9:00 Rare and Endangered Species of the Southwest From the Captivating to the Curious David Wolfe, Senior Scientist, Land, Water & Wildlife Program Environmental Defense, Austin</p> <p>9:45 The ESA in Texas The Agency's Perspective Joy Nicholopoulos, Texas State Administrator U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Austin</p> <p>10:15 Morning Break</p> <p>10:30 Regional Habitat Conservation Plans in Texas A Promising Trend Alan M. Glen, Esq., Program Co-Chair</p> <p>11:00 ESA Innovations and How They Are Working Safe Harbors, Conservation Banks and Recovery Credits Melinda E. Taylor, Esq., Program Co-Chair</p> <p>11:45 Lunch Break</p> <p>1:15 Enforcement and Citizen Suits Panel How Are Citizen Suits Shaping the Implementation of the Act Today? Sybil Vosler, Consultant Retired Biologist for U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Round Rock Bill Bunch, Executive Director Save Our Springs Alliance, Austin Melinda E. Taylor, Esq., Program Co-Chair</p> <p>2:45 Afternoon Break</p> <p>3:00 Mitigation Banking A Successful Case Study David Johnston, Esq. Hickory Pass Conservation Bank, Austin</p> <p>3:45 Featured Presentation On the ESA Horizon Michael J. Bean, Esq. Environmental Defense, Washington, DC</p> <p>4:30 Q&A Panel Members of the Faculty</p> <p>4:45 Evaluations and Adjourn</p>
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Program Co-Chairs

Alan M. Glen handles permitting, compliance, and litigation matters under the ESA. He has assisted in the development and implementation of numerous HCPs. He served as Vice Chair of the Steering Committee for the creation of the Balcones Canyonlands Regional HCP in Austin and is currently working on three county-wide Regional HCPs in central Texas. He also assisted in the successful defense of the La Cantera HCP in a case brought by the Center for Biological Diversity.

Melinda E. Taylor joined the Law School faculty in January 2006. Prior to joining the faculty, she was the Director of the Ecosystem Restoration Program of Environmental Defense, where she managed a staff of attorneys, scientists and economists engaged in projects to protect endangered species and water resources across the United States.

Keynote Speaker

J.B. Ruhl is a nationally-regarded expert in the fields of endangered species protection, regulation of wetlands, ecosystem management, environmental impact analysis, and environmental and natural resources law. He has published extensively in these areas and teaches courses in environmental law, land use and property. He holds a Ph.D. in ecological geography and a Master of Laws in environmental law.

Featured Speaker

Michael J. Bean leads legislative, policymaking, and litigation activities on wildlife and endangered species issues for Environmental Defense and coalitions of wildlife groups. He also serves as a consultant to national and international wildlife conservation organizations.

Bill Bunch has held his current position since 2000. He previously practiced environmental law in private practice and as Chief Counsel with his current organization.

Steven W. Carothers is the founder of his company. He is an aquatic and terrestrial biologist with over 30 years' experience in ecological research, environmental planning, ESA and NEPA compliance, and resource management.

Robert L. Gulley serves as a senior trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice.

David Hartman has a diversified land use and real estate development practice, including experience in a broad range of land development permitting, entitlement, and natural resource issues. His practice focuses on the representation of clients in the areas of zoning, planning, and entitlements law.

David Johnston is the managing partner of the Bank, the first privately owned conservation bank in Texas. He is also Of Counsel to Ikard & Golden, where he practices estate planning and probate law.

J. Kent Newsome focuses on real estate and development. He is an Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Houston Law Center and is a highly rated ethics speaker for CLE International.

Joy Nicholopoulos supervises four ecological services field offices located in Arlington, Austin, Corpus Christi, and Clear Lake and coordinates all policy level actions and issues among the Texas field offices, the regional office in Albuquerque, and the national office.

Steven P. Quarles is co-chair of the Environment & Natural Resources Group of his firm. His practice includes counseling, litigation and legislative representation for a wide range of forest products, mining, agricultural and land development associations and companies, state and local governments, and land trusts.

C. Lee Sherrod specializes in endangered species, terrestrial and wetland ecology, and environmental assessments. He has 25 years' experience in these fields and has been qualified as an expert witness in federal court proceedings regarding wetlands and endangered species.

Sybil Vosler was a consultation biologist with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in the Austin field offices for 13 years, during which she negotiated and processed permits under Section 10 of the ESA.

David Wolfe oversees all aspects of his organization's Landowner Conservation Assistance and Safe Harbor programs in Texas. He and his staff use a variety of incentives to encourage and enlist private landowner participation in endangered species habitat restoration and recovery.

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