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Dear Colleagues:

We hope you will join us at our 3rd Annual Seminar on the National Environmental Policy Act. We have structured the 2006 one-day Seminar to cover both the basic provisions of NEPA, which have been referred to as our national environmental blueprint, as well as to provide an in-depth look at interesting and developing applications of NEPA in a variety of contexts.

We are fortunate to have assembled a faculty of highly experienced NEPA professionals. If you are doing business in Texas, you will want to attend this Seminar!

We look forward to seeing you there!

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Morning 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Afternoon 1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

- 8:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 **Introduction and Welcome**
*Alan M. Glen, Esq., Program Co-Chair, and
Craig M. Douglas, Esq., Program Co-Chair*
Smith, Robertson, Elliott, Glen, Klein & Bell, Austin
- 9:15 **Introduction to NEPA**
The Nuts and Bolts
Professor J.B. Ruhl, Esq.
Florida State University College of Law, Tallahassee
- 10:00 Morning Break
- 10:15 **NEPA Streamlining**
Dynamics and Fundamentals
Joseph Shalkowski
NEPA Group Leader, Transportation
PBS&J, Austin
- 11:00 **NEPA Compliance Requirements**
What's the Difference Between Federal Agencies?
C. Lee Sherrod, Principal and Consulting Biologist
Horizon Environmental Services, Austin
- 11:45 Q&A Panel
Members of the Faculty
- 12:00 Lunch Break

- 1:30 **NEPA and ESA**
Consequences and Compliance
Steven W. Carothers, PhD
Aquatic and Terrestrial Biologist
SWCA Environmental Consultants, Austin
- 2:15 **After the ROD**
*Pitfalls and Strategies for Dealing with Supplementals,
Re-evaluations, and Post-Record of Decision Mitigation
Commitments*
Thomas Van Zandt, Environmental Compliance Manager
Hicks & Company, Austin
- 3:00 Afternoon Break
- 3:15 **Dealing with Challenging
Transportation Projects**
A Panel Presentation
Michael J. Weaver, Principal
Prime Strategies, Austin
Dianna F. Noble, PE, Director
Environmental Affairs Division
Texas Department of Transportation, Austin
Craig M. Douglas, Esq., Program Co-Chair
- 4:15 **Ethics: Participating in the ADR Process**
Practical Considerations for the Environmental Practitioner
Margaret M. Menicucci, Esq.
Austin
- 5:15 Q&A Panel
Members of the Faculty
- 5:30 Evaluations and Adjourn



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<p>Program Co-Chairs</p> <p>Alan M. Glen has extensive experience representing both public and private entities in NEPA processes. He is also recognized as a leading expert on the Endangered Species Act and its interactions with other federal laws, including NEPA and the Clean Water Act. He is a frequent speaker and writer on these topics.</p> <p>Craig M. Douglas focuses his environmental practice on regulation and litigation regarding land and natural resource use activities, including land development, resource extraction, transportation, agricultural and ranching operations, and water rights. He successfully represents both public and private entities in NEPA processes.</p>	<p>Dianna F. Noble became Director in 1993. Under her direction, the Division oversees the Texas Department of Transportation's environmental programs, including conducting environmental investigations, coordinating with federal and state agencies, and developing and implementing environmental policies and procedures. She represents TxDOT by participating in several national transportation forums including the Committee on Environmental Analysis of the Transportation Research Board, the Standing Committee on the Environment of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), and others.</p> <p>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. Before becoming a law professor, he was a partner with the law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski, working on land use and environmental law issues.</p> <p>Joseph Shalkowski has nearly 20 years of experience in advancing large-scale programs and projects through the NEPA/Project Development Process. He is located at the I-69/Trans Texas Corridor program office in Austin. He also serves as NEPA Group Leader for PBS&J's central region and is an active Transportation Research Board committee member.</p> <p>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. He is a long-standing committee member of the Texas Organization for Endangered Species.</p>	<p>Michael J. Weaver represents both regulatory agencies and landowners in the development of administrative rules and regulations, ordinances, and special district legislation/creation. His firm provides direction and assistance on legislative issues and administrative policies affecting the transportation industry, and he has particular expertise in infrastructure financing mechanisms.</p> <p>Thomas Van Zandt has more than 25 years of experience in the field of environmental management. A founding Principal of Hicks & Company, he has managed projects dealing with many types of infrastructural developments and compliance issues, from rail, highway, and airport EISs to regional habitat conservation plans and ground water regulatory assessments. He was the EIS Project Manager for TxDOT's SH 130 Project, the first and largest design-build project in Texas. He now serves as Environmental Compliance Manager for SH 130. He has given papers and presentations around the country.</p>
<p>Steven W. Carothers is the founder of SWCA Environmental Consultants. He is an aquatic and terrestrial biologist with over 30 years' experience in ecological research, environmental planning, Endangered Species Act and National Environmental Policy Act compliance, and resource management. He currently serves as a senior scientist and principal-in-charge on large multidisciplinary projects for SWCA.</p> <p>Margaret M. Menicucci currently works as a mediator and facilitator. She most recently was a Program Director and Natural Resources Specialist at the Center for Public Policy Dispute Resolution. In that position, she advised governmental entities on the use of alternative dispute resolution, assisted with mediation and multi-party conflict resolution training and facilitated multi-party groups addressing Superfund and water issues.</p>		<p>CLE International Program Coordinator: Meghan Thorson, meghan@cle.com.</p>

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