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Thursday, September 28 **Friday, September 29**

8:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast
 9:00 **Introduction and Welcome**
Janet L. McQuaid, Esq., Program Co-Chair
 Fulbright & Jaworski, Austin
Russell S. Johnson, Esq., Program Co-Chair
 McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore, Austin
 9:15 **Water Law Fundamentals**
 Legal Framework of Surface Water and Groundwater Regulation in Texas
Ronald A. Kaiser, Esq.
Professor of Water Law & Policy
 Texas A&M University, College Station
 10:00 Morning Break
 10:15 **Water Resource Development**
 Law, Science and Ethics
Dr. George William Sherk
Associate Research Professor and Adjunct Professor
 Colorado School of Mines, Golden
 11:15 **Bed and Banks**
 Enforcing Public and Private Ownership
Fred R. Jones, Esq.
 Goode Casseb Jones Riklin Choate & Watson, San Antonio
 12:00 Lunch Break

1:30 **Keynote Presentations**
 Hot Water Topics
 TCEQ's Role in Protecting the State's Water: Quality and Quantity
Kathleen Hartnett White, Chairman
 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Austin
 LCRA's Role in Supply Water for the 21st Century
Joseph J. Beal, PE, General Manager
 Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA), Austin

2:30 **Land Development in a New Era of Certificates of Convenience and Necessity**
 A Panel Presentation
 Developer Perspective
Trey Lary, Esq.
 Allen Boone Humphries Robinson, Houston
 Urban Perspective
Steve Kosub, Esq., Water Resources Counsel
 San Antonio Water System
 Rural Perspective
Anthony Corbett, Esq.
 Freeman & Corbett, Austin
 3:30 Afternoon Break
 3:45 **State of Water Markets**
 Water Transactions; Regulatory Environment; What Is It Worth?
 Future Deals
Lynn Sherman, Esq.
 Winstead Consulting, Austin
 4:30 **Environmental Flows**
 Life After the 79th Legislature
Kenneth Ramirez, Esq.
 Brown McCarroll, Austin
John R. Bartos, Esq.
 Houston
 5:30 **Adjourn to Private Reception**
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8:30 Continental Breakfast
 9:00 **Overview of Day Two**
Janet L. McQuaid, Esq., Program Co-Chair
Russell S. Johnson, Esq., Program Co-Chair
 9:15 **Water Quality and Wetlands Update**
 A Big Year in the High Courts
Janet L. McQuaid, Esq., Program Co-Chair
 9:45 Morning Break
 10:00 **Ethics**
 The Ethics of Making Money on Water
Gabriel Eckstein, Esq., Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Water Law and Policy
 Texas Tech University School of Law, Lubbock
 11:00 **Groundwater Districts**
 Landowner Rights and Rule of Capture
Brian L. Sledge, Esq.
 Lloyd Gosselink, Austin
Russell S. Johnson, Esq., Program Co-Chair
 12:00 Lunch Break
 1:30 **Water Planning**
 The Status of State Regulation
Carolyn Brittin, Director
Water Resources Planning Division
 Texas Water Development Board, Austin
 2:15 **Regulatory Takings**
 From a Landowner Perspective
Paul Terrill, Esq.
 Hazen & Terrill, Austin
 From a State Perspective
Gregory M. Ellis, Esq.
 League City
 3:15 **Real World Ethics**
 Tales from the Trenches
Russell S. Johnson, Esq., Program Co-Chair
Janet L. McQuaid, Esq., Program Co-Chair
 4:15 Evaluations and Adjourn

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<p>Program Co-Chairs</p> <p>Russell S. Johnson has more than 24 years of experience representing public utilities, municipalities and businesses in litigation and regulatory matters, including complex commercial, environmental, and tort litigation. He was involved in the Edwards Aquifer Authority litigation for San Antonio's Water System.</p> <p>Janet L. McQuaid concentrates on environmental law and regulation relating to water quality, water supply, and water rights, as well as solid and hazardous waste regulation, regulation of oil and gas activities, and contaminated site remediation. She has participated in permitting, enforcement, and rulemaking proceedings, and has litigated environmental issues in state and federal court.</p>	<p>Carolyn Brittin is the Director of the Water Resources Planning Division of the Texas Water Development Board in Austin. She was previously with the TCEQ.</p> <p>Anthony Corbett concentrates in water and sewer utility, water rights and water finance matters, including municipal bond opinions. He also focuses on environmental and administrative law matters relating to the TCEQ.</p> <p>Gabriel Eckstein has significant experience in international environmental law, especially in freshwater resources law. He was previously Senior Counsel for CropLife America, a trade association of agricultural chemicals and biotech companies.</p> <p>Gregory M. Ellis focuses on all areas of water law. He was the General Manager for the Edwards Aquifer Authority from 1997 through 2004, and is now in private practice. He was also previously general counsel to the Harris-Galveston Coastal District.</p> <p>Fred R. Jones has almost 25 years of trial experience in a broad range of complex litigation. He and his firm successfully represented San Antonio in litigation to determine ownership of the San Antonio River Walk.</p> <p>Ronald A. Kaiser is Chair of Texas A&M's Intercollegiate Water Faculty. He focuses on water rights, water marketing, environmental flows and groundwater management. A number of his research findings and recommendations have been incorporated into Texas water law.</p> <p>Steve Kosub has represented municipalities and their water and wastewater utilities for over 20 years, and is a past chairman of the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section of the State Bar of Texas.</p>	<p>Trey Lary focuses on water law, public finance, housing and urban development, government, legislative practice, and tax-exempt finance.</p> <p>Kenneth Ramirez specializes in Texas water law, assisting corporations and municipalities in acquiring, managing and planning water supplies. He was appointed to serve on the EPA's federal advisory committee regarding environmental issues on the U.S. border with Mexico.</p> <p>Dr. George William Sherk is currently Associate Research Professor and Adjunct Professor at the Colorado School of Mines and Adjunct Professor at the University of Denver College of Law. He is also in private practice and primarily focuses on issues related to the management and allocation of water resources.</p> <p>Lynn Sherman has expertise in water resource development and water rights matters. For 10 years, he provided counsel to clients acquiring and protecting water supplies. For the last five years, he has served as an executive for both public and private entities in water resource development.</p> <p>Brian L. Sledge focuses on legislative, water law, and environmental law matters. He was previously the Director of Research at the Texas Water Development Board where he administered its Water Research Grant Program.</p> <p>Paul Terrill specializes in property rights cases at both the state and federal levels. He represented the plaintiff Dr. Purcell in the Texas property rights "cave bug case," <i>GDF Realty v. Gale A. Norton</i>. He has also been involved in the Kinney County water controversy almost since its inception.</p>
<p>Keynote Speakers</p> <p>Kathleen Hartnett White was appointed by Governor Perry to the TCEQ in 2001, and was named chairman in 2003. She is a member of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, the American Hereford Association, and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. She is also a board member of the Texas Water and Texas Natural Resource Foundations.</p> <p>Joseph J. Beal became the Lower Colorado River Authority's eighth general manager in January of 2000. He joined LCRA in 1995 to lead its Water Services division. He was previously senior vice president at Espey Huston & Associates, a large engineering and environmental consulting firm.</p>		
<p>John R. Bartos has practiced law in Houston, Texas since 1981. He has served on the Region H Water Planning Group and is former Chair and current Trustee of the Galveston Bay Foundation.</p>		

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