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Monday, September 10**Tuesday, September 11**

8:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 Welcome and Introduction

Overview of Day One

Russell Johnson, Esq., Program Co-Chair

McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore, Austin

Janet McQuaid, Esq., Program Co-Chair

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9:15 Water Law Fundamentals

Surface and Groundwater Regulation in Texas

Ronald A. Kaiser, Esq., Professor and Chair, Water Program

Texas A&M University, College Station

10:00 Morning Break

10:15 Litigation Update

Key Cases and Issues

Edmond R. McCarthy, Jr., Esq.

Jackson, Sjoberg, McCarthy & Wilson, Austin

11:00 Keynote Presentation

Update from the Legislature

Robert R. Puente, Esq., Chair, Natural Resources Committee

Texas State House of Representatives, San Antonio

11:45 Lunch Break

1:00 Yours, Mine and Ours: Groundwater Conservation vs. Marketing

Protecting Yourself from Your Neighbor's Overpumping; Protecting Your Investments in Land and Water; The Groundwater Conservation District Permit Process; Inverse Condemnation Issues

Wendall Corrigan Braniff, Esq., General Counsel

Texas Water Development Board, Austin

Gregory M. Ellis, Esq.

League City

Brian L. Sledge, Esq.

Lloyd Gosselink, Austin

2:15 Water Rights Permits: Update from Inside the TCEQ

Amenity Ponds; Permit Amendments; Environmental Flows; and Other Hot Issues

M. Robin Smith, Esq., Attorney, Environmental Law Division

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Austin

3:00 Afternoon Break

3:15 Takings in the Storm Water Context

Emerging Issues

Glenn Sodd, Esq.

Dawson & Sodd, Corsicana

4:00 Intersection Between Water Quality and Water Rights

Emerging Legal Issues and Technical Challenges

Jennifer Benaman, PhD, Vice President

Quantitative Environmental Analysis, Austin

Janet McQuaid, Esq., Program Co-Chair

5:00 Adjourn to Private Meet the Faculty Reception

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8:30 Continental Breakfast

9:00 Welcome Back

Overview of Day Two

Russell Johnson, Esq., Program Co-Chair**Janet McQuaid, Esq., Program Co-Chair****9:15 Keynote Presentation: Hot Topics in Water Quality and Water Rights**

Successes; Strategies for the Future

H. S. Buddy Garcia, Commissioner

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Austin

10:00 Wetlands and ESA Issues

A National Perspective; Supreme Court Developments

Roderick E. Walston, Esq.

Best Best & Krieger, Walnut Creek, CA

10:45 Morning Break

11:00 2007 State Water Plan

Status of Policy Recommendations; Implementation

J. Kevin Ward, Executive Administrator

Texas Water Development Board, Austin

11:45 Model Interstate Water Compact

Implications for Texas; Potential Conflicts Between States

George William "Jerry" Sherk, Esq., DSc**Hennebach Program in the Humanities Visiting Scholar**

Colorado School of Mines, Westminster, CO

12:30 Lunch Break

1:45 Ethics

Considerations for the Water Law and Environmental Practitioner

J. Kent Newsome, Esq.

Fulbright & Jaworski, Houston

2:45 Afternoon Break

3:00 Groundwater—Desired Future Conditions

Science, Law and Policy

Judy A. Reeves, PhD, Senior Hydrogeologist

Cirrus Associates, Richardson

Mary K. Sahs, Esq.

Sahs & Associates, Austin

4:00 Environmental Flows

Progress Made; Challenges Ahead

Lyn Clancy, Esq., Associate General Counsel

Lower Colorado River Authority, Austin

Kenneth R. Ramirez, Esq.

Brown McCarroll, Austin

5:00 Evaluations and Adjourn

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meet your **instructors**

<p>Program Co-Chairs</p> <p>Russell Johnson has more than 24 years of experience representing public utilities, municipalities and businesses in litigation and regulatory matters. He was directly involved in all Edwards Aquifer Authority litigation for the City of San Antonio Water System.</p> <p>Janet McQuaid concentrates on environmental law and regulation relating to water quality, water supply, and water rights. She has experience litigating before district and appellate courts, representing clients in permitting and enforcement proceedings, and in compliance auditing and environmental assessment.</p>	<p>Wendall Corrigan Braniff specializes in administrative and environmental law. Her practice includes all regulatory areas under the jurisdiction of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.</p> <p>Lyn Clancy specializes in water rights and river management issues. She has a background in geology and geography, focusing on the transport of contaminants in groundwater.</p> <p>Gregory M. Ellis practices in all areas of water law. He was the General Manager for the Edwards Aquifer Authority and was also General Counsel in the Harris-Galveston Coastal Subsidence District.</p> <p>Ronald A. Kaiser focuses on water rights, water marketing, and groundwater management. A number of his recommendations on water marketing have been incorporated into Texas surface water law.</p>	<p>Mary K. Sabs has over 20 years of experience focusing on environmental, water and administrative law. She is a past officer of the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section of the State Bar of Texas.</p> <p>George William "Jerry" Sherk is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Denver College of Law. In his private practice, he primarily focuses on issues related to the management and allocation of water resources.</p> <p>Brian L. Sledge focuses on government relations, natural resources, water and environmental law for corporate and municipal clients. He was formerly the Director of Research for the Texas Water Development Board.</p>
<p>Keynote Presenters</p> <p>H. S. Buddy Garcia was appointed to the Commission by Governor Rick Perry in January 2007. He previously served as Texas' Deputy Secretary of State, as Senate Liaison for the Governor's office, and as a special assistant to the governor on Texas border affairs with Mexico.</p> <p>Robert R. Puente was elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1991 and is currently serving his ninth term in the Legislature. He is Chair of the House Natural Resources Committee and serves on the House Local Ways and Means Committee.</p>	<p>Edmond R. McCarthy, Jr., represents clients in the sale and transfer of water rights, regional water supply projects, the development of water rights, district legislation, and agency rules and regulations.</p> <p>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 speaker on ethics for CLE International.</p> <p>Kenneth R. Ramirez assists corporations and municipalities in acquiring, managing and planning water supplies. He serves on the EPA's federal advisory committee regarding environmental issues on the United States border with Mexico.</p>	<p>M. Robin Smith handles water rights, municipal solid waste, water quality and hazardous waste area matters. She has also worked with the Texas Water Commission, the Texas Supreme Court and the Dallas Court of Appeals.</p> <p>Glenn Sodd focuses on eminent domain litigation throughout Texas and also handles complex oil and gas, farm and ranch, and business litigation. He was named one of the top three General Trial Lawyers in Texas by <i>Town & Country Magazine</i>.</p>
<p>Jennifer Benaman is an environmental engineer specializing in water quality issues. She is an expert in watershed modeling and the quantification of uncertainty in environmental modeling.</p>	<p>Judy A. Reeves has over 15 years of experience performing environmental and water resource management projects, including numerical groundwater models.</p>	<p>Roderick E. Walston is now in private practice, having spent most of his legal career as a government attorney. He most recently served as both Acting Solicitor and Deputy Solicitor of the U.S. Department of the Interior.</p> <p>J. Kevin Ward has over 20 years' progressive experience in public and private sector governmental management positions. He serves on the board of the Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities.</p>

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