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Monday, September 26**Tuesday, September 27**

- 8:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 8:50 **Introduction and Overview**
Jack C. Caldwell, Esq., Program Co-Chair
Baton Rouge
- 9:00 **The Delineation Process**
An A to Z Overview
David L. Patterson, PLS
LandSource, Baton Rouge
- 9:45 **Coastal Restoration**
An Overview of the Louisiana Coastal Area Study
Timothy J. Axtman, PE
Project Manager, Coastal Restoration Branch
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans
- 10:30 Morning Break
- 10:45 **Takings Update**
Changes in the Public Trust; "Takings or Damagings;"
and Wetlands Evaluation
Andrew C. Wilson, Esq.
Burke & Mayer, New Orleans
- 11:30 **Federal Legislative Update**
Wetlands and Clean Water Act Issues
Jason Schendle, Esq.
Legislative Counsel to Senator Mary L. Landrieu
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC
- 12:15 Lunch Break
- 1:30 **Coastal Use Permitting**
Permits Process Streamlining Efforts
Rocky Hinds, Coastal Management Division
Permits and Mitigation Program Manager
Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Baton Rouge
- 2:15 **Permitting Issues**
404 and Louisiana Coastal Use Permits; 401 Water Quality
Certification; TMDLs
Karen Gautreaux, Deputy Secretary
Department of Environmental Quality, Baton Rouge
- 3:00 Afternoon Break
- 3:15 **Enforcement Issues**
Tips for the Wary
Andrew J. Harrison, Jr., Esq.
McGlinchey Stafford, Baton Rouge
- 4:00 **Wetlands Water Discharge Treatment**
A Review of the Use of Wetlands for the Assimilation
of Wastewater in the Mississippi Delta
John W. Day, Jr., PhD, Distinguished Professor
Department of Oceanography and Coastal Sciences
and Coastal Ecology Institute School of the
Coast and Environment
Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge
- 4:45 Q&A Panel
Members of the Faculty
- 5:00 Adjourn

- 9:00 **Overview and Perspective**
Issues for Day Two
Erinn W. Neyrey, Esq., Program Co-Chair
Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips, Baton Rouge
- 9:15 **Featured Presentation**
A View from the Governor's Office
Sidney Coffee
Executive Assistant to the Governor for Coastal Activities
Office of the Governor, Baton Rouge
- 10:00 Morning Break
- 10:15 **America's WETLAND**
Raising National and Global Awareness
Valsin A. Marmillion, President and Founder
Marmillion + Company, Washington, DC
- 11:00 **Contracting with the LDNR**
Rules to Follow and Pitfalls to Avoid
Isaac Jackson, Jr., Esq., General Counsel
Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Baton Rouge
- 11:45 Lunch Break
- 1:00 **Ethics**
Considerations for the Environmental Professional
Robert A. Kutcher, Esq.
Chopin, Wagar, Richard & Kutcher, Metairie
- 2:00 **Mitigation Banking**
Overview; Current Status; Future Development in Louisiana
Daniel E. Bollich, RF, AWB, PWS
Forester/Wildlife Biologist/Wetland Specialist
C-K Associates, Baton Rouge
- 2:45 Afternoon Break
- 3:00 **Recent Developments in Louisiana
Wetlands and Water Law**
Case Law Update
Ryan M. Seidemann, Esq., Assistant Attorney General
Lands and Natural Resources Section, Civil Division
Louisiana Department of Justice, Baton Rouge
- 3:45 Q&A Panel
Members of the Faculty
- 4:00 Evaluations and Adjourn

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Program Co-Chairs

Jack C. Caldwell is currently working as a Coastal Consultant, Attorney, Arbitrator and Adjunct Law Professor. He served as Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (LDNR) from 1996-2004. At the LDNR, he oversaw a department of 487 employees and a budget of \$187 million; conceptualized, planned, and implemented a wide variety of programs relative to coastal restoration and management (including mitigation banking), oil and gas leasing, energy conservation and environmental protection.

Erinn W. Neyrey practices primarily environmental law with a focus on regulatory compliance issues, including water, solid and hazardous waste, wetlands and water well regulation and permitting. Previously, she worked for the LSU Sea Grant Legal Program as the legal coordinator, where her work included natural resource law, coastal management regulation, aquaculture regulation and management, and water use and regulation.

Featured Presenter

Sidney Coffee was appointed by Governor Blanco to direct the governor's coastal policy office and the state's efforts in America's WETLAND: Campaign to Save Coastal Louisiana. She chairs the State Wetlands Task Force and represents the governor on the CWPPRA Task Force. Previously, she worked in Governor Foster's Office of Coastal Activities.

Timothy J. Axtman is currently a Project Manager on the Louisiana Coastal Area Ecosystem Restoration Study, investigating a critical, near-term plan for coastal restoration and further development and design of restoration alternatives. He has worked with the New Orleans District since 1982.

Daniel E. Bollich has over seven years' experience in natural resource and wetlands management. His background is in forest management, wetlands ecology and restoration, remote sensing and geographical information systems. He has been involved with mitigation banking for over six years with C-K Associates.

John W. Day, Jr., has been a professor at LSU since 1971. He has published extensively on the ecology and management of coastal and wetland systems and has over 100 peer-reviewed publications. He is presently working on using wetlands as a means of removing nitrogen from the Mississippi River and for assimilation of municipal effluents.

Karen Gautreaux works on coastal restoration, the state's water resources and environmental education. She began her public service career in 1989 in the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality's Office of Policy and Planning. She joined Governor Roemer's Office of Environmental Affairs later that year.

Andrew J. Harrison, Jr., has an environmental practice that includes regulatory counseling, litigation and transactional advising. He is also well-known regionally for his work on Clean Air Act issues.

Rocky Hinds has been with the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Permits and Mitigation Program since 1987. In this position, he assesses the conformance of proposed activities with the requirements of the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program.

Isaac Jackson, Jr., is the General Counsel at the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources. In that capacity, he oversees all legal matters of the department, including numerous professional service and other contracts, grants, cost-share agreements, and related transactions.

Robert A. Kutcher practices real estate, commercial, franchising and antitrust litigation. He has authored numerous legal publications, spoken on business litigation and ethics matters, and served as Chairman of the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board in 1999.

Valsin A. Marmillion is recognized as one of the top campaign strategists in the country. In 2002, his firm was selected by the State of Louisiana to develop and manage the award-winning America's WETLAND: Campaign to Save Coastal Louisiana, which was the largest public education effort in the State's history.

David L. Patterson is the Owner/President of his company, and has managed the operations through its affiliates since 1992. He has served as professional-in-charge for all LandSource projects since the company's inception in 1996. He has been involved in the Land Information Field since 1985.

Jason Schendle covers a variety of issues, including Agriculture, Environment, and Energy, and overseas efforts to pass the Conservation and Reinvestment Act (CARA). He received his bachelor's degree in political science from Tulane University in New Orleans.

Ryan M. Seidemann is an attorney and anthropologist. He has ten years of experience in anthropology, including laboratory analysis at such places as the Smithsonian Institution and fieldwork on archaeological projects throughout the southeastern U.S.

Andrew C. Wilson has been defending the State in the much publicized oyster lease "takings" litigation. His practice consists primarily of environmental, admiralty and insurance defense litigation, including defense in class actions, among other areas.

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