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Monday, April 3

Tuesday, April 4

- 8:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 8:55 **Welcome and Introduction**
Catherine Hansen-Stamp, Esq., Program Co-Chair
Golden, CO
- 9:00 **Important Legal Doctrines in the Recreation and Adventure Industry**
Reminders and New Insights Regarding Pertinent Legal Principles
Charles R. (Reb) Gregg, Esq., Program Co-Chair
Houston, TX
Catherine Hansen-Stamp, Esq., Program Co-Chair
- 10:00 Morning Break
- 10:15 **Current Administration Issues**
Transportation, Programming, Crisis Management, Staffing and Access to Public Lands
Drew Leemon, Risk Management Director
National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS), Lander, WY
Kurt A. Merrill, National Director of Risk Management
Student Conservation Association, Charlestown, NH
- 11:15 **Litigation Issues**
Reaction to Administrative Issues and Lessons from the Courtroom
Glen L. Laird, Esq.
White & Steele, Denver, CO
James V. Pearson, Esq.
Pearson, Horowitz, Poscus & Burnett, Denver, CO
James H. Chalot, Esq.
Chalot Hatten Law Offices, Denver, CO
- 12:15 Lunch Break
- 1:30 **Recreation/Adventure Equipment Issues**
Liability and Risk Management Issues for Product Sellers, Renters and Service Providers
Arthur B. (Boots) Ferguson, Jr., Esq.
Holland & Hart, Aspen, CO
- 2:15 **Learning from the Ski Industry**
Recent Lessons
Melanie Mills, Esq.
Executive Vice President of Public Policy
Colorado Ski Country USA, Denver, CO
Geraldine Link, Esq., Director of Public Policy
National Ski Areas Association, Lakewood, CO
- 3:15 Afternoon Break
- 3:30 **Program Policies and Practices**
Putting Operations Issues in Their Legal Liability Context
Tracey L. Knutson, Esq.
Knutson & Associates, Girdwood, AK
- 4:15 **Employment Issues**
Discussion of the Escalation of ADA, Sexual Assault, Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Claims
Laura L. Horton, Esq.
Horton & Lines, Chatsworth, CA
Frances Turner Mock, Esq.
Outward Bound National Risk Management Committee, Durham, NC
- 5:15 Q&A Panel
Members of the Faculty
- 5:30 **Adjourn to Private Reception Sponsored by Stratus Insurance Services**

- 8:00 Continental Breakfast
- 8:25 **Overview of Day Two**
Charles R. (Reb) Gregg, Esq., Program Co-Chair
- 8:30 **Medical and Suitability Issues**
Who Bears the Burden of Determining Suitability and How Do They Make that Burden Reasonable?
Deb Ajango, Founder
SafetyEd: Safety Education for Remote Work Environments
Eagle River, AK
- 9:15 **Use of Written Participant Agreements**
Providing Information, Release, Indemnity, Assumption of Risks, Dealing with Minors and Other Issues
Catherine Hansen-Stamp, Esq., Program Co-Chair
- 10:00 Morning Break
- 10:15 **Ethics Panel**
Legal, Risk Management and Ethical Issues Post Incident—What to Do and What Not to Do When Things Go Really Wrong
Peter W. Rietz, Esq.
Rietz Law Firm, Dillon, CO
Drew Leemon, Risk Management Director
Frances Turner Mock, Esq.
Moderator: Charles R. (Reb) Gregg, Esq., Program Co-Chair
- 11:30 **Mountain Bike Trial Case Study**
Discussion and Audience Participation in a Live Case Scenario—Relevant Legal Doctrines and Lessons Learned in a Lawsuit
Peter W. Rietz, Esq.
- 12:15 Lunch Break
- 1:30 **Insurance Issues—The State of the Industry**
Coverage Issues, Rates and Prominent Claims Areas
Brett Van Leeuwen, President
Stratus Insurance Services, American Fork, UT
Tom Gillingham, CEO
Gillingham & Associates, Westminster, CO
Ed Schirik, President
Schirik & Associates Insurance, Rock Hill, NY
- 2:30 Afternoon Break
- 2:45 **The Federal Agency Perspective**
Legal Liability, Access, New Regulations, Permitting and Other Issues for Service Providers Using Public Lands
Debra Hecox, Esq.
U.S. Department of the Interior, Lakewood, CO
Kenneth Pitt, Esq.
U.S. Department of Agriculture's Office of General Counsel, Denver, CO
- 3:45 **Industry Standards & Practices**
Their Implications and Their Impact on the Industry
Sylvia Dresser, Executive Director
Association for Challenge Course Technology, Deerfield, IL
Bill Zimmermann, Executive Director
Climbing Wall Association, Boulder, CO
- 4:45 Q&A Panel
Members of the Faculty
- 5:00 Evaluations and Adjourn

<p>Program Co-Chairs</p> <p>Charles R. (Reb) Gregg specializes in outdoor recreation matters and general litigation. He has served as legal counsel to the National Outdoor Leadership School since the late 1970s and he is a frequent speaker in the outdoor recreation industry.</p> <p>Catherine Hansen-Stamp focuses her practice on representing recreation and adventure providers, and related organizations on legal liability and risk management issues. She speaks and writes frequently on these issues, both regionally and nationally.</p>	<p>Debra Hecox focuses her practice on operations authorized in the National Park Service Concessions Management Improvement Act of 1998, including concession contracts and commercial use authorizations in parks in the Intermountain and Midwest Regions of the National Park Service.</p> <p>Laura L. Horton has extensive experience defending sport and recreational liability cases in numerous jurisdictions and has published articles on waiver and releases and the assumption of risk doctrine.</p> <p>Tracey L. Knutson focuses her practice on recreation and adventure sports defense. She has an extensive background in insurance defense litigation, defending oil field companies, native housing authorities, insurers, outdoor recreation and adventure or sports entities.</p> <p>Glen L. Laird is an experienced trial attorney. His practice includes the areas of general civil trials, bad faith insurance defense, personal injury defense, product liability, environmental law, recreational and ski area defense litigation.</p> <p>Drew Leemon has been with his organization for over 25 years. Since 1996, he has been the Risk Management Director. He is the past chairman of the Wilderness Risk Managers Committee (WRMC) and is the leader of the WRMC's Adventure Program Incident Data Reporting Project.</p> <p>Geraldine Link has directed public policy and in-house legal affairs for the past eight years. Previously, she was an attorney with the law firm of Arnold & Porter for five years, where she specialized in environmental and natural resources law and corporate litigation.</p> <p>Kurt A. Merrill has been an outdoor educator and administrator for over 15 years. He has written numerous articles on risk management topics and is the co-editor of the most recent volume of the <i>Adventure Program Risk Management Report</i>.</p> <p>Melanie Mills has worked extensively on public lands issues. She lobbies Colorado lawmakers and regulators on behalf of the Colorado ski industry and has been a key player in the adoption of Colorado's minor releases law and of amendments to the Colorado Ski Safety Act.</p>	<p>Frances Turner Mock advises Outward Bound and other clients on issues related to liability release forms, contracts, insurance, and appropriate responses to potential claims and lawsuits.</p> <p>James V. Pearson has 25 years of experience in business law, outdoor recreation and business management. He is Chairman of the Adventure Travel Society and previously served as a contributing editor for <i>Adventure Travel Business Magazine</i>.</p> <p>Kenneth Pitt specializes in air and water quality issues, law enforcement, fire management, oil and gas, recreation, special use authorizations, and grants and agreements.</p> <p>Peter W. Rietz focuses his practice on defending sports and recreation cases and represents most of the ski resorts in Colorado. He is special counsel to the National Ski Areas Association and has been counsel of record on a number of seminal recreation cases.</p> <p>Ed Schirick is a specialist in the risk and insurance issues facing children's camps, adventure businesses and outfitters and guides. He provides insurance brokerage, risk management and insurance consulting services.</p> <p>Brett Van Leeuwen has been involved in providing specialized insurance programs, particularly in the educational and outdoor industries since 1989. His company is currently endorsed by the Climbing Wall Association, the ACCT, the AEE, the OIA, and the Sporting Goods Manufacturing Association.</p> <p>Bill Zimmerman is currently Executive Director of his organization. He has participated in standards development initiatives for organizations such as the ACCT and the AEE.</p> <p>CLE International Program Coordinator: Julie Nolan, julie@cle.com.</p>
<p>Deb Ajango provides risk management education and consultation services to programs nationwide, and is the editor of <i>Lessons Learned: A Guide to Accident Prevention and Crisis Response</i>.</p> <p>James H. Chalot is a plaintiff's lawyer in ski accident law. He has 27 years' courtroom experience in Colorado and several other states and was recently co-counsel in the largest plaintiffs' ski accident verdict in the United States, \$8.3 million.</p> <p>Sylvia Dresser is a longtime experiential educator and has served as the Executive Director of her organization for the past three years. In this capacity, she gives presentations about risk management and other hot topics in the challenge course field.</p> <p>Arthur B. (Boots) Ferguson, Jr., focuses on all aspects of recreation and resort development law, including risk management, employment, contract and land use issues. He is special counsel to Colorado Ski Country USA, and serves on the Board of Directors of the American Mountain Guides Association.</p> <p>Tom Gillingham and his firm specialize in providing insurance for outdoor recreation businesses throughout the United States. He is responsible for the development and underwriting of The Great Outdoors Insurance Program, covering RV parks, outfitters, guides, ranches, lodges and resorts.</p>		

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