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# TEXAS COASTAL LAW

Legal Issues, Permitting & Conservation

June 8-9, 2017 • JW Marriott • Houston

**Dear Colleague:**

We are pleased to invite you to join us for this exciting conference on Texas Coastal Law.

The coastal zone is a sensitive, useful, biologically diverse, and economically important area. This conference is an excellent opportunity for in-house counsel and other lawyers, government officials and employees, planners, real estate professionals, engineers, consultants, and environmental professionals to discuss current hot topics related to the coastal zone such as:

- **Texas Coastal Economic Geography**
- **Permitting Along the Texas Coast**
- **The Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Loss Litigation**
- **Lessons Learned from the BP Deepwater Horizon Event**
- **Natural Resource Damages Claims**
- **Defending the Coast From Hurricanes**
- **Potential Tort Liability Associated with Hurricane-Related Spills**
- **Erosion and Texas Open Beaches**
- **Ethical Issues Related to Coastal Law**
- **Coastal Fisheries and Water Quality Issues**
- **Legal Aspects of the San Jacinto Pits**
- **Estuaries and Freshwater Inflows**
- **Climate Change**
- **... and more!**

The conference presents numerous opportunities for networking with professionals from Houston and beyond.

We hope to see you in June!

Sincerely,



**Jim Blackburn, Esq., Program Co-Chair**  
Blackburn & Carter, Houston



**Charles Irvine, Esq., Program Co-Chair**  
Irvine & Conner, Houston

## CONFERENCE LOCATION & HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS



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## THURSDAY, JUNE 8

- 8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast
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- 8:30 **Welcome and Introduction**  
Overview of the Day  
**Charles Irvine, Esq., Program Co-Chair**  
Irvine & Conner, Houston
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- 8:45 **Texas Coastal Economic Geography**  
How the Law Fits Into Coastal Economic Development  
**Jim Blackburn, Esq., Program Co-Chair**  
Blackburn & Carter, Houston
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- 9:30 **Permitting Along the Texas Coast**  
Section 10 and Section 404 Issues  
**Sharon M. Mattox, Esq.**  
Sharon M. Mattox, Houston
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- 10:30 Networking Break
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- 10:45 **The Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Loss Litigation**  
Understanding Diverse Perspectives  
*The Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Plaintiff's View*  
**John Carmouche, Esq.**  
Talbot, Carmouche & Marcello, Baton Rouge, LA  
*The Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Defendant's View*  
**Eric Mayer, Esq.**  
Susman Godfrey, Houston
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- 11:45 Lunch Break (on your own)
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- 1:00 **Featured Presentation**  
Lessons Learned from the BP Deepwater Horizon Event  
**Robert Haddad, PhD, Environmental Group**  
**Vice President and Principal Scientist**  
**Former Chief, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**  
**Assessment and Restoration Division (NOAA ARD)**  
Exponent, Menlo Park, CA
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- 1:45 **Natural Resource Damages Claims**  
Preparation and Management  
**Thomas Campbell, Esq. and Amanda Halter, Esq.**  
Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman, Houston
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- 2:45 Networking Break
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- 3:00 **Defending the Coast from Hurricanes**  
Technical and Legal Issues  
**Larry Dunbar, Esq.**  
Dunbar Harder, Houston
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- 3:45 **Potential Tort Liability Associated with Hurricane-Related Spills**  
Tort Basics for the Premise Owner and Operator  
**Sherie Beckman, Esq.**  
Mithoff Law, Houston
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- 4:30 Adjourn

## FRIDAY, JUNE 9

- 8:00 Continental Breakfast
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- 8:30 **Welcome Back**  
Overview of Day Two  
**Jim Blackburn, Esq., Program Co-Chair**  
Blackburn & Carter, Houston
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- 8:45 **Erosion and Texas Open Beaches**  
The Impact of *Severance v. Patterson* on Public and Private Rights  
**Charles Irvine, Esq., Program Co-Chair**  
Irvine & Conner, Houston
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- 9:30 **Ethics**  
Issues Related to Coastal Law  
**Brett Wagner, Esq.**  
Doherty Wagner, Houston
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- 10:30 Networking Break
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- 10:45 **Coastal Fisheries and Water Quality Issues**  
Cases and Controversies  
**Jen Powis, Esq.**  
The Powis Firm, Houston
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- 11:30 **Legal Aspects of the San Jacinto Pits**  
What Advocates Need to Know  
**Lisa Gossett, Esq.**  
University of Houston–Clear Lake, Houston
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- 12:15 Lunch Break (on your own)
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- 1:30 **Featured Presentation**  
Estuaries and Freshwater Inflows  
**Paul Montagna, PhD, Endowed Chair for Ecosystems and Modeling**  
Harte Research Institute, Texas A&M University  
Corpus Christi
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- 2:15 Networking Break
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- 2:30 **Legal Issues in Estuaries and Freshwater Inflows**  
Conservation and Use  
*Freshwater Inflows and Legal Issues From a Water User's Perspective*  
**Molly Cagle, Esq.**  
Baker Botts, Austin  
*Freshwater Inflows From an Environmental Perspective*  
**Myron Hess, Esq.**  
National Wildlife Federation, Austin  
*Resolution of The Arkansas Project (TAP) v. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality: The TAP-Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority Agreement*  
**Jim Blackburn, Esq., Program Co-Chair**  
Blackburn & Carter, Houston  
**Todd Votteler, PhD, Executive Manager of Science, Intergovernmental Relations, and Policy**  
Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority, Seguin
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- 4:00 **Climate Change**  
The Gorilla in the Room  
**Jim Blackburn, Esq., Program Co-Chair**
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- 4:45 **Closing Thoughts & Discussion**
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- 5:00 Evaluations and Adjourn

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**Jim Blackburn** received the Bob Eckhardt Lifetime Achievement Award for Coastal Preservation Efforts from the State of Texas General Land Office in 1998, and he received a National Conservation Achievement Award from the National Wildlife Federation in 2001. He was granted Honorary Membership in the American Institute of Architects in 2003, in recognition of his legal work associated with urban quality of life issues. In 2004, Texas A&M Press published his book *The Book of Texas Bays*, with photos by renowned Houston photographer Jim Olive. He is a Professor of the Practice and Director of the Interdisciplinary Minor in Energy and Water Sustainability in the Environmental Sciences and Engineering Department of Rice University. He serves as Co-Director for the Rice University Severe Storm Prediction, Education, and Evacuation from Disasters Center.

**Charles Irvine** represents clients in state and federal court, in matters before the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and in State Office of Administrative Hearings. Previous cases include challenges to air permits, Clean Air Act citizens suits, Endangered Species Act litigation, and National Environmental Policy Act litigation. He is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Houston Law Center, where he taught classes in Texas Coastal and Ocean Law, Environmental Law, Endangered Species and Biodiversity Law, and Practice of Environmental Law since 2008. Before entering the legal field, he worked for five years in Greece as a program leader on environmental projects that protected sea turtles and marine mammals in coastal areas. During this time, he participated in extensive efforts to design and establish protected areas, eventually resulting in a new National Park.

**FEATURED PRESENTERS**

**Robert Haddad, PhD, Environmental Group Vice President and Principal Scientist**  
**Former Chief, NOAA ARD**  
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**Paul Montagna, PhD**  
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Understanding & Responding to Climate Change  
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## Two Featured Presentations!

### Lessons Learned from the BP Deepwater Horizon Event



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Exponent, Menlo Park, CA

Dr. Robert Haddad has focused on the strategic evaluation and tactical resolution of environmental problems for nearly 30 years; initially as an internal consultant for Unocal's Corporate Environmental

Remediation and Technology group, later as an external consultant for industry in the private sector, and for the past 8 years, as the head of NOAA's Assessment & Restoration Division (ARD) and as one of three leads for NOAA's Damage Assessment, Remediation, Restoration Program (DARRP).

### Estuaries and Freshwater Inflows



**Paul Montagna, PhD, Endowed Chair for  
Ecosystems and Modeling**  
Harte Research Institute, Texas A&M University  
Corpus Christi

In 2006, Dr. Paul Montagna joined the Harte Research Institute Team. The increasingly important relationships between humans and the environment are considered in detail through his studies as he looks at the environmental flows, nutrients, and the ultimate impact on marine life. He has initiated conferences and events focused on freshwater inflow into the Gulf of Mexico ecosystems. Dr. Montagna received the Chairman's Award from the Coastal Bend Bays Foundation for extended commitment and extraordinary effectiveness in preserving our rich coastal heritage.

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