

Climate change focus of annual Red Clay Conference

Can Red Clay Go Green? Adapting Law and Policy in the Face of Climate Change” was the topic of the 20th Annual Red Clay Conference, hosted by the University of Georgia School of Law’s Environmental Law Association.

The April conference included panels on topics such as the international climate change regime, the environmental impacts of climate change, how cities and states nationwide are tackling climate change, the potential of an alternative renewable source of energy in Georgia and the Southeast, and new opportunities in the private sector generated by climate change.

“We got really great feedback from all of the participants,” conference organizer and second-year law student Elizabeth M. Long said. “Climate change is one of the most up and coming areas of law, and I think it is important to do everything we can to advance the knowledge of both the general

community and Georgia attorneys.”

The day-long symposium also included keynote speeches by climate change specialist David Hunter, American University assistant professor of law, as well as by David D. Caron, the co-director of the Law of the Sea Institute and University of California at Berkeley Maxeiner Distinguished Professor of Law.

Other panelists were: Georgia Law Woodruff Chair in International Law Daniel M. Bodansky, Southern Alliance for Clean Energy Renewable Energy Coordinator Mary Carr, Athens Mayor Heidi Davison, Georgia Forestry Commission Staff Forester Josh Love and Radical Energy Ventures Founder and President James Marlow.

Sponsored by the ELA, the Red Clay Conference is an annual environmental law event established to increase public awareness of environmental issues of regional, national and international significance through a



David Caron, the co-director of the Law of the Sea Institute and University of California at Berkeley Maxeiner Distinguished Professor of Law, delivered the morning keynote speech titled “Law and Adaptation to Climate Change” during the 20th Annual Red Clay Conference.

series of educational presentations and open forum discussions. The conference is entirely student organized and supports the ELA’s mission to advance sound environmental policy, to encourage discussion and to raise awareness among attorneys and lawmakers in Georgia and throughout the Southeast.