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University of Georgia School of Law

Dean Rusk Center

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The Environmental Law Association at the University of Georgia would like to invite you to the 18th annual Red Clay Conference on March 31, 2006. The Red Clay Conference was established to increase public awareness of environmental issues of regional, national, and international significance through a series of educational presentations and open forum discussions. A full spectrum of views from the private legal sector, the corporate/business sector, the government, and public interest groups are represented.

The 2006 Red Clay Conference is entitled "Natural Disaster: Implications in a Post-Katrina World". In light of the devastating impacts of Hurricane Katrina, this year's Conference examines the scope of legal issues pertaining to natural disasters with a focus on the implications of the national response to Katrina. The Conference promises to be an excellent opportunity for attendees to learn about and discuss the manner with which we approach natural disasters, our response to them, and the lessons to be learned from Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath. The following series of panels will examine a scope of legal issues pertaining to natural disasters with a focus on the implications of the national response to Katrina:

8:30 - 9:00 Registration and Coffee

9:00 - 9:15 Welcome by Dean White

9:15 - 10:15 Planning and Preparation for Natural Disaster Emergency Response

Though we can never be fully prepared for disaster when it strikes, we can lessen the impact of natural disasters with the proper foresight and precautions including an effective emergency response plan. This panel will explore the roles of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Homeland Security, the EPA Emergency Response Team, and Health and Human Services' role in planning and preparation for natural disaster emergency response.

10:15 - 11:15 Land Use Policy to Prevent and Mitigate Against Natural Disasters

As we learned after Katrina, decisions on land use can have a drastic impact on the severity of natural disasters. This Panel will discuss legal issues involving land uses that prevent and mitigate against natural disasters. The focus will be not only on coastal land use, but also flood prevention throughout the State. Current legal issues include: planning with the Army Corps of Engineers at a municipal level for flood prevention projects, strategies to preserve coastal lands and facilitate smart development in these areas, and issues of regulatory takings when government entities are involved in land use decisions.

11:30 - 12:30 Natural Disaster Insurance Implications in a Post-Katrina World

Though most of us are aware that insurance is a highly recommended precaution to take in the context of day to day occurrences, this panel seeks to educate attendees on the insurance issues that have become especially pertinent due to recent natural disasters--the goal to educate on a variety of public and private insurance issues arising from natural disasters--including preventive steps that can be taken to ensure minimal damage and out of pocket expenses to home and business owners.

12:30 - 1:30 Lunch

1:30 - 2:30 Health and Safety Issues in the Aftermath of Natural Disasters

Recognizing the traumatic experience natural disaster brings on individuals, this panel will focus on health and safety issues in the aftermath of natural disasters. The goal is to educate on a variety of issues arising from the destruction caused by natural disasters including: reconstruction issues, demolition and debris removal, and the coordination between the ABA and FEMA in providing legal services for disaster relief.

2:30 - 3:30 Key Note Speaker, Prof. Rob R.M. Verchick, Loyola School of Law

Prof. Verchick is a nationally recognized expert on environmental law who focuses his scholarship on environmental regulation and environmental justice. With the advent of Katrina, Prof. Verchick has been traveling the nation discussing Katrina, what went wrong, what may have been improved, and the lessons that we can take with us from this experience in preparation for future disasters. For Red Clay, he will address all of these issues and their implications on both a national scale, and as they relate to Georgia.

Traditionally, the Red Clay Conference has been well attended by members of the bar, as well as many grassroots organizers and industry representatives. We hope that you will join us!

The Conference will be held at the University of Georgia School of Law, Dean Rusk Center, 4th Floor. Call the law school directly at (706) 542-5182 for questions or directions.

The cost of the conference is \$100.00 per person (includes five hours of MCLE credit, written materials, and lunch).

Registration is available on location. For a pre-registration form, please contact us at the email address below.

For More Information!

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