A SYMPOSIUM TO ADDRESS INTERNATIONAL ISSUES:
The Impact of Global Climate Change Initiatives
Multi-Lateral Agreements
Challenges to Sustainable Energy Development
Multi-Jurisdictional Energy Systems

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Engage in an international discussion on the effects of climate change and the internationalization of energy production and distribution in Mexico, Canada, and the United States. This conference will bring together experts spanning North America from government, academia, and the private sector as they shed light on problems and solutions in today’s rapidly changing environment.
Schedule of Events

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2017

8:00- 8:15 Registration

8:15-8:30 Welcome Remarks
Dean Leonard M. Baynes, University of Houston Law Center
Dean Ian Holloway, University of Calgary School of Law

Impact of Global Climate Change Initiatives on Energy Systems
8:30-9:30 KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Cesar Rafael Chavez, Executive Director of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation

9:30-10:30 KEYNOTE ADDRESS: The Honorable William K. Reilly, American University Center for Environmental Policy

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-11:55 Moderator: Tracy Hester, Lecturer, University of Houston Law Center
Chidinma B. Thompson, Partner, Barrister, and Solicitor, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP:
Transition to a Low Carbon Energy Economy: the Legal Agenda
Miriam Grunstein, Nonresident Scholar, Baker Institute’s Mexico Center:
Mexico is Soaking Up the Sun: The First Electricity Auction in Mexico and the Triumph of Solar Projects
Megan Reilly Cayten, Emerging markets infrastructure specialist and Board member, National Environmental Education Foundation: Opportunities and Challenges of US-Mexico Energy Integration

Noon-1:00 Lunch
KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Victor Flatt, Thomas F. and Elizabeth Taft Distinguished Professor in Environmental Law; Director, Center for Climate, Energy, Environment & Economics University of North Carolina School of Law: Blast From the Past: EIAs May Become the Most Important Global Climate Change Initiative of All

1:15 -2:30 Moderator: Charles Irvine, Partner, Irvine & Conner PLLC
Brigham Daniels, Professor, Brigham Young University School of Law: Local, Federal, and International Politics of Climate Change in the Age of Trump
Blake Hudson, Burlington Resources Professor of Environmental Law and Edward J. Womac, Jr. Professor of Energy Law: Climate Change, Forests, and Biofuels

2:30-2:40 Break
Multi-lateral Agreements and Their Impact on Energy Systems

2:40-3:55
Moderator: Julian Cardenas, University of Houston Law Center
Praveen Kumar, Executive Director, Gutierrez Energy Management Institute, C.T. Bauer College of Business, University of Houston: Environmental Sensitivity and Voluntary Compliance by Energy Firms
Oscar Lugo, Professor of Law, Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León: The Impact of the Agreements of the WTO and NAFTA on the New Trade Relationship on Energy Between Mexico, the US and Canada
Monika Ehrman, Associate Professor of Law, University of Oklahoma College of Law: The Impracticability of the “Keep It In The Ground” Movement

3:55 – 5:15
Moderator: Ricardo Colmenter, Affiliate Scholar for International Energy Programs, University of Houston Law Center
Gina Warren, Associate Professor of Law, University of Houston Law Center: 1-Click Energy
Gabriel Collins, Baker Botts Fellow in Energy & Environmental Regulatory Affairs, Rice University’s Baker Institute for Public Policy: Implementing Three-Dimensional Groundwater Management in a Texas Groundwater Conservation District

5:15 – 6:00 Reception
6:00 p.m. Dinner
KEYNOTE ADDRESS: The Honorable Hilary C. Tompkins, Former Solicitor, Office of the Solicitor, United States Department of Interior
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2017

8:30 – 9:00  Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 10:30  Dean’s Panel: Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Under the Trump Administration
Moderator: Leonard M. Baynes, Dean, University of Houston Law Center
Alex Juden, Secretary and General Counsel, Schlumberger
Kay McCall, President, CEO & General Counsel, Noble Environmental Power
Tony Trevino, General Counsel, Lewis Energy Group
William Turcotte, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Noble Corp.
William P. Swenson, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Hilcorp Energy Company

10:30-10:45  Coffee Break

Systemic Challenges to Sustainable Energy Development

10:45-12:15  Systemic Challenges to Sustainable Energy Development
Moderator: Margaret Anne Hill, Partner, Blank Rome LLP
Hannah Wiseman, Attorneys’ Title Professor, Florida State University College of Law
Governing Local Unconventional Oil and Gas Impacts Within Preemption Gaps
Maria del Pilar Rodríguez Ibáñez, Professor of Law, Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León: Challenges and Opportunities for Social Impact Assessments on Energy Projects in Mexico
Allan Ingelson, Faculty of Law & Executive Director, Canadian Institute of Resources Law, University of Calgary: Regulatory Challenges for the Re-use and Recycling of Produced Water From Hydraulic Fracturing

Multi-Jurisdictional Energy Systems

12:30–1:45pm  Multi-Jurisdictional Energy Systems
Lunch
KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Fenner Stewart, Assistant Professor of Law, University of Calgary and James Coleman, Assistant Professor of Law, Dedman School of Law, Southern Methodist University: Integrated North American Energy Systems: The U.S. and Canadian Contributions

2:00-3:30  Moderator: Mark James, Senior Research Fellow and Assistant Professor, Vermont Law School
Roxana-Andreea Mastor, LLM Global Energy Fellow, Vermont Law School: Displacement and Climate Change
Alejandra Bueno, Of Counsel, Cachaux, Cavazos & Newton, and Chair of the AEM Bi-National Energy Committee: Expanding Cross-Border Energy Infrastructure: Challenges and Opportunities.

3:30 p.m.  Concluding Remarks