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Environmental and Energy Law
Chicago-Kent College of Law



Attracting students from a wide range of academic and professional backgrounds, this program takes an interdisciplinary approach to the scientific, economic and ethical aspects of environmental and energy law. Our curriculum prepares students to become environmental and energy professionals as well as law practitioners.

Requirements

To earn the certificate in environmental and energy law, you must complete 14 credit hours of approved course work. For details, visit www.kentlaw.edu/academics/peel.

Core Courses

Environmental Law and Policy 1, 2 (5 credits, 2 semesters) Study major federal and state statutes and regulatory programs, along with national and international environmental policy formation.

Legal Writing 4—Environmental Law (3 credits) Build advanced writing skills and experience in applying environmental law concepts.

Energy Law (3 credits) Explore the regulation of the production, sale, transportation and distribution of energy supplies in the United States. Analyze legal issues in the context of

the development of energy law and policy and their influence on the amount and types of energy in use. Examine national energy policy, natural gas, oil, coal, hydroelectricity, nuclear power, and alternative energy sources.

Additional Courses and Seminars

Beyond your core courses you must earn at least 3 additional credits by taking any combination of the following:

Environmental Law Clinic (1, 3 or 4 credits) Develop your lawyering skills by representing individuals and community organizations with environmental concerns.

Administrative Law (3 credits) Study the legal problems involved in the creation, functioning and control of government agencies (other than courts or legislatures) that engage in rule-making or adjudication.

Land Use (3 credits) Explore the land use control system that regulates land development in the United States. Examine zoning, growth controls, subdivision regulations, and other techniques, along with the organization of the regulatory bodies and the growing constitutional law limiting government actions as improper takings of property rights.

Environmental Externship (4 credits) Develop your legal research and writing skills and substantive knowledge of environmental law through your choice of externships at several government agencies and public interest groups.

Seminars in Environmental Law (2 credits) You may take one seminar on environmental law. Topics vary each semester and have recently included Air Pollution Law and Policy, Electricity and Public Utilities, and Government Enforcement of Environmental Laws.

Opportunities

Externship placements include the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5 Office; the Illinois Pollution Control Board; the Illinois Attorney General's Office, Environmental Division; City of Chicago Law Department, Environmental Unit; Citizens for a Better Environment; the Lake Michigan Federation; and the Chicago Legal Clinic. In Chicago-Kent's Environmental Law Clinic, you can serve people who would otherwise be unrepresented in environmental matters that directly affect the health, safety and welfare of their families and communities.

The Environmental Law Society works with public interest groups and government agencies on special projects, such as rewriting local environmental ordinances and regulations or helping a law clinic provide assistance to community organizations concerned with hazardous waste disposal in Chicago neighborhoods.

Career Paths

Practice in a wide range of legal arenas: law firms that represent companies and corporations subject to environmental and energy regulations, public interest organizations that lobby and advocate for preventive and protective measures, public regulatory and enforcement agencies, and corporations whose in-house counsel help ensure operational compliance with environmental and energy regulations, among others.

Faculty

Members of the resident faculty are noted authorities in the field of environmental and energy law, active scholars and dedicated teachers. Adjunct professors are prominent in the Chicago environmental law community.

Resident Faculty

Professor A. Dan Tarlock

Director

A.B., political science, Stanford University; LL.B., Stanford Law School.

Widely recognized expert in water resources management and law, and in international and domestic environmental policy. Co-author of leading law school casebooks on environmental law and policy, land use planning and water resources law. Has authored a treatise on American water law. As vice chair of the National Science Academy's Water Science and Technology Board, he has participated in numerous academy studies.

Professor Fred P. Bosselman

A.B., political science, University of Colorado; J.D., Harvard Law School.

Came to Chicago-Kent after a national and international career in the practice of land use and environmental law with his own firm, Burke, Bosselman & Weaver, Chicago and Boca Raton, Florida. Author of six books, including *THE TAKING ISSUE*, and many articles and book chapters about land use and environmental issues. With experience litigating and researching Endangered Species Act conflicts, has written on extinction and the law and also biodiversity policy.

Professor Stephanie M. Stern

B.A., psychology, Brown University; J.D., Yale Law School.

Author of articles on climate change, land use, conservation and administrative law. Formerly taught at Loyola University Chicago School of Law and served as a Bigelow Fellow at the University of Chicago Law School. Focused on property and administrative litigation as an associate at Kirkland & Ellis LLP. Former research fellow at the Yale Center for Law and Environmental Policy and clerk for Judge Kermit Lipez of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

Clinical Faculty

Keith I. Harley

Associate Director

B.A., Moravian College; M.Div., Princeton Theological Seminary; J.D., Chicago-Kent College of Law.

Director, Environmental Law Program, the Chicago Legal Clinic. One of the few lawyers in the country devoted full-time to representing community organizations, minority groups, and poor people in environmental justice disputes.

Adjunct Faculty

Louise C. Gross

B.A., University of Michigan; J.D., Loyola University Chicago School of Law.

Associate regional counsel and the chairperson of the Clean Air Act Practice Group at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Region 5 Office of Regional Counsel.

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