Welcome to Environmental Lawyering and to the third Environmental LL.M. Class of Georgetown Law! This course is an opportunity to learn about the many facets of environmental lawmaking and policy from our expert Georgetown Law environmental faculty.

In addition, this course will provide an informal and collegial opportunity to get to know your colleagues in the program, to meet and get to know our faculty and their areas of expertise, and to gain insights into the many diverse ways that attorneys can engage on environmental challenges of our time. We will meet over lunch (which will be provided) and cover a wide range of topics and at a variety of scales (from local to global).

This course will meet every other Friday as follows: 9/2, 9/23 (not 9/16), 9/30, 10/14, 10/28, 11/11, and 12/2. This course is required for the Environmental Law LL.M. program and is restricted to LL.M. students admitted to our program.

Grading

This is a small, select group. Your attendance is vital and your active participation and engagement in class discussions is required and will be counted heavily toward your grade (40%). Three brief memos (worth 20% each) during the course of the semester will also be due at the following times via hard copy at the beginning of class:

September 23rd – brief (3 to 5 page) memo regarding what your personal and professional goals are, what skills you would like to develop or hone, what substantive knowledge you intend to gain, and how this degree program (and I and other faculty members and administrators) can best help you.

October 28th – brief (3 to 5 page) statement of one area of research or practice that you want to develop this year and an outline of the steps involved with accomplishing that goal (e.g., through a particular writing requirement or independent research opportunity, a practicum or externship, a RA position with a faculty member, Center or other work opportunity, etc.).

December 2nd – final brief essay (3 to 5 pages) discussing one of the topics covered in the class that is of particular interest and how it relates to other topics you are studying here and/or another area of interest you wish to pursue (see 2nd assignment). Please include a description of how you plan to integrate what you have learned this semester into your work moving forward – and how I and other faculty members and administrators here can best help you in these efforts.
CLASS MEETINGS

Readings for each class will be circulated by email approximately two weeks in advance of each class.

September 2, 2016 - *Introduction to Environmental Law*: Focus on domestic federal enforcement (Professor Sara Colangelo)


September 23, 2016 – (Professor Lisa Heinzerling)

September 30, 2016 – (Professor Edith Brown Weiss)

October 14, 2016– (Professor Peter Byrne)

October 28, 2016 – (Professor Vicki Arroyo)

November 11, 2016 – (Professor Bill Buzbee)

December 2, 2016 – (Professor Hope Babcock)

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Office hours: by appointment – the best way to contact me is via email. Alternatively, please see me in class to arrange a time to come by my office, or just stop by. If it is not a good time we will arrange another meeting.