

RIVER MANAGEMENT LAW

Challenges in Changing Climes

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For the first time, CLE International is partnering with the River Management Society to present a one-day live stand-alone education conference to complement the offerings at its national education symposium in Denver.

Whether you are an attorney, consultant, scientist, engineer, or government official, if you deal with streamflow protection or river management, this conference is for you. Experts will address both the challenges of protecting rivers for all types of uses in rapidly changing environments and the innovative programs being used with success across the West.

Mission-critical topics to be addressed at this conference include:

- **Recreational Use Issues: Right to Float and Statutory Landowner Liability Protections**
 - **Local Innovations: Urban Conservation for Instream Flow and Pitkin County's Healthy Rivers and Streams Program**
 - **Interstate Cooperation in Response to Drought Conditions**
 - **Meeting Long-Term Water Needs: Healthy Flows**
 - **Section 404 Fundamentals, Scope of Analysis & Mitigation**
 - **Ethics in Multi-State, Multi-Jurisdiction & Multi-Disciplinary Cases**
- ... and, a featured presentation on **River Management, Colorado Style: Federal Study, State Plan, Local Challenges.**

I look forward to seeing you in April!

Sincerely,



Lori Potter, Esq.
Program Chair
Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell
Denver

Lori Potter has more than 25 years of experience in the areas of environmental, public lands, land use, and water law. She has extensive experience with Section 404 permitting, endangered species, NEPA, FLPMA, and transportation law issues as well as local land use regulation. Her practice involves both litigation and counseling. She has practiced in state and federal courts and before administrative agencies across the country. Her clients include governmental and quasi-governmental entities, businesses, ranches, citizens' organizations, and individuals. Prior to entering private practice, Ms. Potter served as Regional Director of the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund's Rocky Mountain Office, handling and supervising high-profile environmental litigation throughout the western states.

Monday, April 14

8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 **Welcome and Introduction**

Overview of the Day

Lori Potter, Esq., Program Chair
Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell, Denver

Ken Ransford, Esq., Symposium Chair
River Management Society, Basalt

8:45 **Recreational Use Issues**

Right to Float
Statutory Landowner
Liability Protections

Lori Potter, Esq., Program Chair

Ken Ransford, Esq., Symposium Chair

10:00 Networking Break

10:15 **Featured Presentation**

River Management, Colorado Style: Federal Study,
State Plan, Local Challenges

Barbara JB Green, Esq.
Sullivan Green Seavy, Denver

11:00 **Local Innovations**

Urban Conservation for
Instream Flow
Pitkin County's Healthy Rivers
and Streams Program

Drew Beckwith, Water Policy Manager
Western Resource Advocates, Boulder

Torie Jarvis, Esq., Co-Director
Water Quality/Quantity Committee
Northwest Colorado Council of Governments
Silverthorne

Lisa MacDonald, Staff Director
Healthy Rivers and Streams Program, Aspen

Laura Makar, Esq., Assistant County Attorney
Pitkin County Attorney's Office, Aspen

12:15 Lunch Break

1:30 **Meeting Long-Term Water Needs**

Healthy Flows

Meg White, PhD, Ecologist/Flows Scientist
Colorado River Project
The Nature Conservancy, Boulder

2:15 **Responding to Drought Conditions**

Interstate Cooperation

John H. McClow, Esq., Colorado Commissioner
Upper Colorado River Commission, Gunnison

3:00 Networking Break

3:15 **Ethics**

Issues in Multi-State, Multi-Jurisdiction and
Multi-Disciplinary Cases

Cynthia F. Covell, Esq.
Alperstein & Covell, Denver

4:15 **Section 404 of the Clean Water Act**

Fundamentals, Scope of Analysis and Mitigation

Kara A. Hellige, Regulatory Office Chief
US Army Corps of Engineers, Durango

5:00 Evaluations and Adjourn

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PROGRAM CHAIR

Lori Potter, Esq., Program Chair
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Barbara JB Green, Esq.
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FACULTY

Drew Beckwith works closely with water utilities, state officials, and partner organizations around the region to find sustainable ways to meet human water needs. He is responsible for the Water Program's research, legislative, and policy initiatives that aim to advance water conservation efforts and non-traditional water supplies across the Interior West. His current work includes collaborating with Colorado Western Slope communities to use water conservation savings to boost stream flows.

Cynthia F. Covell is a co-founder and shareholder of her firm. Her practice emphasizes water rights matters, representing municipalities, non-profit organizations, individuals, and businesses in the acquisition, transfer, sale, change, and adjudication of water rights and water supplies. Ms. Covell has been a member of the Colorado Bar Association Ethics Committee since 1986 and is a member of the Colorado Supreme Court Standing Committee on the Rules of Professional Conduct.

Kara A. Hellige is the Durango Regulatory Office Chief for the Sacramento District. She covers regulatory actions under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act for five counties within the Four Corners region. Ms. Hellige has been the Durango Office Chief since 2003 and has been working for the Corps of Engineers within Regulatory since 1999.

Torie Jarvis co-directs the Water Quality/Quantity Committee of the Northwest Colorado Council of Governments, which monitors water development activities and participates in legislative and administrative proceedings that affect water quality or quantity in the basin of origin. A former river guide, Ms. Jarvis also has worked for the US Department of Justice in the Indian Resources Section and the Western Hardrock Watershed Team.

Laura Makar has practiced in the area of water and natural resources law since 2008. Prior to joining the Pitkin County Attorney's Office, she worked at Patrick, Miller, Knopf and Noto as well as Moses, Wittemyer, Harrison, & Woodruff. Ms. Makar also studied water, public lands, and natural resources law as a research assistant for the Natural Resources Law Center at the University of Colorado Law School.

Lisa MacDonald is a paralegal in the Pitkin County Attorney's Office and serves as the Staff Director of the Healthy Rivers and Streams Program.

John H. McClow has practiced law in Colorado for 39 years. He has represented the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District for 21 years, becoming full-time General Counsel in 2006. Mr. McClow is the Legislative Representative to the Gunnison Basin Roundtable, and the Gunnison-Uncompahgre Basin Director on the Colorado Water Conservation Board.

Ken Ransford practices law in Basalt. He is an avid kayaker and past board member of American Whitewater. He is active in the statewide water supply planning process as the recreational representative and secretary of the Colorado River Basin Roundtable. Mr. Ransford has been on the board of the River Management Society since 2008, and is the chair of the 2014 River Management Society Symposium in Denver.

Meg White is an interdisciplinary scientist with specialization in riparian ecology, ecosystem restoration, landscape ecology, and environmental policy. She has been studying and designing freshwater flows strategies for the Colorado Chapter and Colorado River Project of The Nature Conservancy for two years. Prior to that, Ms. White investigated the influence of urban water sources on riparian and riverine ecosystems as a Research Scientist at Arizona State University.

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Barbara JB Green, Esq.
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Barbara JB Green is a founding partner of her law firm, where her practice focuses on environmental law, land use law, natural resource law, and administrative law. Ms. Green also serves as General Counsel to Northwest Colorado Council of Governments, Town Attorney to the Town of Silver Plume, and General Counsel to the

Rocky Mountain Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact. As a member of the west slope negotiating team, Ms. Green helped bring about the historic Colorado River Cooperative Agreement between the Denver Water Board and the west slope of Colorado.

Featuring Experts From:

- Healthy Rivers and Streams Program
- The Nature Conservancy
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