



In the Eye of the Storm: Effectively Resolving Emerging Climate Change Disputes Teleconference

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Climate change has been compared to the industrial revolution in terms of its potential for monumental impacts on society and its resources. Massive changes are contemplated, whether it is due to rising ocean levels, dwindling water resources or changes in weather patterns and land productivity. Issues related to climate change have already led to a raft of litigation and promise to give rise to numerous disputes in the future. The lawsuits and legal requirements arising from climate change will involve businesses, governmental agencies and not for profit organizations, will touch virtually every sector of society, and involve many areas of the law. A paradigm shift will also be required as the ramifications of climate change will be borne primarily at the local level and local communities and businesses will have to work together to adapt to the impacts of climate change. This challenge will require a collaborative effort that will change not only how local decisions are made, but what it means to effectively represent client interests.

An expert panel will highlight the many claims and disputes that have arisen and may arise in the future related to climate change and discuss the dispute resolution mechanisms (litigation, arbitration, mediation and collaboration) best suited to achieving resolution and addressing the challenges of climate change.

Moderator

Charles Denton, Barnes & Thornburg LLP

Speakers

Michael Gerrard, Director, Center for Climate Change Law, Columbia Law School

David Batson, Senior Collaboration & ADR Specialist, Conflict Prevention and Resolution Center, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Edna Sussman, arbitrator and mediator, SussmanADR LLC, Distinguished ADR Practitioner in Residence, Fordham University School of Law

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