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Speaker Biographies

A. Dan Tarlock

A. Dan Tarlock is Distinguished Professor of Law at the Chicago- Kent College of Law. He holds an A.B. and LL.B. from Stanford University.

His teaching and research interests include water law, land use controls, and international environmental law. He has previously been a permanent member of the faculties of the University of Kentucky and Indiana University, Bloomington. Professor Tarlock has served on several National Research Council/National Academy of Sciences committees studying the protection and recovery of stressed aquatic ecosystems, including a ten year review of the operation of Glen Canyon Dam on the Colorado River, and a study of the restoration of the Missouri River ecosystem.

In 1998, he was the chief report writer for the Western Water Policy Review Advisory Commission report, WATER IN THE WEST, which was one of the first major federal publications to examine the relationship between urban growth and water use. He is a member of the special legal advisors to the Submissions Unit of the Commission on Environmental Cooperation in Montreal, Canada, which administers the NAFTA Environmental Side Agreement. He has lectured on the problems of ecosystem, natural resources and river basin management all over the world.

Stephen C. McCaffrey

Stephen McCaffrey is Distinguished Professor and Scholar and Professor of Law, University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law. He is also Counselor, Institute for Sustainable Development. Steve received his B.A. from the University of Colorado, his J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley and his Doctor of Laws from the University of Cologne, Germany.

Professor McCaffrey is one of the world's foremost authorities on international water law. He was a member of the United Nations International Law Commission from 1982 to 1991 and chaired that prestigious organization's 1987-88 session, only the third American to do so. He served as special rapporteur for the commission's draft articles on the law of the non-navigational uses of international watercourses, which formed the basis of the 1997 U.N. Convention on the subject.

Professor McCaffrey was Counselor on International Law in the State Department in 1984-85 and represents countries in disputes before the International Court of Justice and other fora. He also advises the Palestinians in connection with the Permanent Status talks with Israel and is Legal Adviser to the Nile River Basin Negotiation Committee.

Professor McCaffrey has taught at McGeorge School of Law since 1977. He has published numerous law review articles and has authored or co-authored several books, including

the casebook, International Environmental Law, the treatise, *The Law of International Watercourses*, and *Understanding International Law*.

Richard Paisley

Richard Paisley is the Director of the Dr. Andrew R. Thompson Natural Resources Law Program at the Faculty of Law, and a member of the Westwater Research Center at the Faculty of Graduate Studies, at the University of British Columbia. Richard received his B.Sc. from UBC in 1975; his J.D. from Pepperdine in 1981; his LL.M. from the London School of Economics in 1982; and his M.B.A. from the University of Washington in 1978.

His current research, teaching and legal practice interests are in the area of international natural resources law including international water law, negotiation and environmental conflict resolution. Richard has directed a wide range of conferences, workshops and research projects, published extensively and been an advisor and trainer on these subjects to a wide range of international agencies, governments, non governmental organizations and aboriginal groups including, among others, the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) of the United Nations in Rome, Italy; El Colegio de Mexico, in Mexico City, Mexico; the Brace Water Resources Management Institute at McGill University, in Montreal, Quebec; the Scientific Information Centre of the Interstate Commission for Water Coordination of Central Asia (ICWC) in Tashkent, Uzbekistan; the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA); Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT), the Mekong River Commission Secretariat (MRCS) in Phnom Penh, Cambodia; and, the Water and Energy Commission Secretariat (WECS) in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Rob Renner – Alberta Minister of Environment

Rob Renner was elected to his fifth term as Member of the Legislative Assembly for Medicine Hat on March 3, 2008. He was appointed to a second term as Minister of Environment on March 12, 2008.

He currently serves as Deputy Government House Leader, vice-chair of the Cabinet Policy Committee on Resources and the Environment, and as a member of the Agenda and Priorities Committee.

Mr. Renner previously served as Minister of Municipal Affairs from 2004 to 2006. Since being elected in 1993, his duties have included Treasury Board, president of the Pacific Northwest Economic Region, chair of the Health Professions Act Implementation Steering Committee, and co-chair of the Automobile Insurance Implementation Team. He also served as the Government Caucus Whip.

Born in Medicine Hat on October 6, 1954, he graduated from Medicine Hat high school in 1972 and attended Medicine Hat College and the University of Calgary, graduating with a bachelor of commerce in 1976.

Mr. Renner is an active member of his community. He was instrumental in advancing the historic downtown Medicine Hat streetscape improvements and is past president of the Downtown Business Association. He also is a past director of the Chamber of Commerce and has been a member of Medicine Hat's Rotary and Jaycee Clubs.

David Schindler

David Schindler is Killam Memorial Chair and Professor of Ecology at the University of Alberta, in Edmonton. Dr. Schindler received his BSc from North Dakota State University and his Doctorate in Philosophy from Oxford. He has also been recognized with close to a dozen honorary doctorates and myriad awards including the Alberta Order of Excellence which he received in 2008.

From 1968 to 1989, he founded and directed the Experimental Lakes Project of the Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans near Kenora, Ontario, conducting interdisciplinary research on the effects of eutrophication, acid rain, radioactive elements and climate change on boreal ecosystems. His work has been widely used in formulating ecologically sound management policy in Canada, the USA and in Europe. His current research interests include ecosystem ecology, biogeochemistry and experimental ecology, with special reference to boreal, alpine and subalpine, and arctic or subarctic lakes and watersheds.

Dr. Schindler teaches limnology, the philosophy, sociology and politics of science / science and public policy in Canada, and environmental decision making.

Dr. Alistair Rieu-Clarke

Dr. Rieu-Clarke is Lecturer in International Water Law, UNESCO Centre for Water Law, Policy and Science, University of Dundee. He holds a LLB with Honours in Scot's Law, as well as a Masters and PhD in International Law. He has also studied at The Hague Academy of International Law and the University of Utrecht, the Netherlands.

His main areas of interest include International and European water law. Recent, and on-going, work includes two EU FP6 twinning projects between the EU and South East Asian river basins, and an assessment of the role and relevance of the 1997 UN Watercourses Convention to the EU and West African States. Alistair supervises LLM and PhD research students specializing in international water law, and teaches a postgraduate module entitled International Law of Water Resources. Recent publications have included a monograph on International Law of Water Resources: What Lessons from the Law of International Watercourses and a WMO/GWP publication on The Legal and Institutional Aspects of Integrated Flood Management.

Melinda Harm Benson

Melinda is Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography University of New Mexico. Her research interests include environment and natural resource management, ethics, and nature and society. She teaches courses in Environmental Management, Nature and Society, Public Land Management and a seminar in Natural Resource Management

Melinda received her Juris Doctorate in 1998 from the University of Idaho College of Law and her Bachelor of Arts with Honors, 1991 from the University of Oregon.

John Ruple

John is a Research Associate at the Institute for Clean and Secure Energy, Quinney College of Law, Wallace Stegner Centre for Land, Resources and the Environment, University of Utah.

John received his J.D., and S.J. from the Quinney College of Law in 2004, his M.S., from the College of Agriculture & Natural Resources, Michigan State University in 1997 and his B.A., College of Arts & Sciences, Western Washington University in 1992.

John joined the Institute for Clean and Secure Energy after working in Governor Huntsman's Public Lands Policy Coordination Office where he advised and represented the State of Utah on issues involving federal land management and natural resources.

Previously, John practiced law in Seattle, Washington where he focused on water resources and environmental permitting and compliance.

As a member of the Institute for Clean and Secure Energy team, John works on legal, policy, and economic issues involving development of oil shale and tar sands.

Robin Kundis Craig

Robin Kundis Craig is the Attorneys' Title Insurance Fund Professor, Florida State University College of Law. Robin received a J.D. from Lewis & Clark School of Law in 1996, a Ph.D. from the University of California in 1993, a M.A. from Johns Hopkins University in 1986 and a B.A. from Pomona College in 1985.

Professor Craig is nationally recognized for her work related to the Clean Water Act, the connection of fresh water regulation to ocean water quality, marine biodiversity and marine protected areas, property rights in fresh water, and science and water resource protection.

As a result of her Clean Water Act work, including her book *The Clean Water Act and the Constitution*, the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences appointed her in 2005 to a two-year committee to assess the effects of that Act's

regulation of the Mississippi River. Professor Craig also is sole author of an environmental law text, *Environmental Law in Context*.

Before entering law school teaching, she clerked for the Honorable Robert E. Jones at the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon and worked in the Natural Resources Section, General Counsel Division, Oregon Department of Justice.

Patricia Wouters

Dr. Patricia Wouters leads an inter/multi-disciplinary team of experts at the UNESCO Centre for Water Law, Policy and Science at the University of Dundee, Scotland. The Centre is the first UNESCO Centre in the UK and the first of its kind in the world.

Professor Wouters established the graduate water law program at Dundee in 1996 and has worked since then to build the capacity and range of expertise in the unit to its current research team comprised of experts in international, national, and transnational water law, together with three areas of water science - river catchment hydrology; sustainable flooding; and climate change.

Professor Wouters, who is a Canadian and Belgian national, began her university studies at the University of Ottawa in Canada, where she completed a BA and LLB. Following close to a decade in legal practice right here in Alberta, Pat completed an LLM in comparative constitutional law at the University of California, Berkeley. From there, she continued her graduate studies, moving to Switzerland to study at the Graduate Institute of International Studies / University of Geneva. Here she focused on public international law, and in particular water law. During her PhD research work, Pat was invited to be a visiting Research Fellow at the Max-Planck Institute for Comparative Public and International Law in Heidelberg, Germany where she completed her dissertation.

From Heidelberg, Pat was recruited to Dundee where she established the graduate program in water law and policy. Since then, Dundee has established an international reputation in the area of water law and policy. Professor Wouters has visited some 50+ countries around the world, where she has presented her research and provided expert advice on water law and policy.

Pat works now to implement the “Water Law, Water Leaders” program with the objective to develop a new generation of “local water leaders”, working closely with the Dundee team and its Global Faculty of experts from around the globe. Pat is the recipient of numerous awards and honours and serves, or has served, on numerous high profile councils and expert panels.

Steve Weissman

Steve Weissman is Lecturer in Residence and Associate Director for the Center for Law, Energy, and the Environment, University of California, Berkeley. Steve received a M.P.A. from Harvard University in 1984, a J.D. from UC Davis in 1976 and a B.A. from the University of Michigan in 1972. Prior to joining Berkeley Law, Steve was an

administrative law judge for the California Public Utilities Commission. He also served as policy and legal advisor to three different commissioners at the PUC. Prior to his appointment as an administrative law judge in 1988, he was a staff attorney at the PUC, working on renewable energy and energy efficiency proceedings, as well as cases involving implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act.

Steve is a former Principal Consultant to the California State Assembly's Committee on Natural Resources, a member of the mediation panel for the U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, and creator of the California PUC's alternative dispute resolution program. In addition, he served as Legal Director for the Local Government Commission, an environmental and social policy think tank providing assistance to local governments. At the Commission, he wrote policy guidebooks concerning toxic air pollutants, recycling, and land use. He drafted the Ahwahnee Principles, a description of important elements of transit-oriented and pedestrian-oriented development, prepared in collaboration with some of today's most influential architects and planners.

Steve is Vice Chair of the American Bar Association's Publication Committee for the Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources. He also teaches energy courses at the nationally-respected Environmental Law Center at Vermont Law School.

David R. E. Aladjem

David Aladjem is a partner at the Sacramento law firm Downey Brand LLP where he leads the firm's Water Law Practice Management Group. David received a J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley in 1989, a M.A. from Princeton University in 1985 and an A.B. from Stanford University in 1981.

David has represented numerous clients before the State Water Resources Control Board, both in applications for appropriative water rights and in connection with the issuance of waste discharge permits. His experience includes the Bay-Delta water rights hearings and also includes NEPA/CEQA issues and compliance with the state and federal Endangered Species Acts. He was awarded "Citizen of the Year" for five years of dedicated service with the Sacramento Area Council of Governments Transportation Air Quality Collaborative.

Kathleen Callison

Kathleen Callison received her J.D. from the Seattle University School of Law in 1998 and her Master of Marine Affairs from the University of Washington in 1990. In 1998 Kathleen formed her own law office and focused her practice on water rights, water supply, reclaimed water and geothermal resources. Through her work, Kathleen helps individuals, governments, utilities, entrepreneurs and businesses to secure and protect interests in water, geothermal and mineral resources, and to develop renewable energy projects using those resources.

In addition to her law practice, Kathleen has served as Water Resource Program Manager for the City of Tumwater, Water Policy Analyst for the Washington State University Water Research Centre, President and Executive Director for the Puget Sound Alliance, and Consultant for the Puget Sound Water Quality Authority.

Arlene J. Kwasniak

Arlene Kwasniak is an Associate Professor in the Faculties of Law and Environmental Design at the University of Calgary and a Member of the Alberta Bar. Arlene received a M.A. (philosophy) from Wayne State University in 1975, a LL.B. from the University of Alberta in 1980, and an LL.M. from Lewis and Clark, Northwestern School of Law in 1992.

Prior to joining the University of Calgary in 2003, Arlene's law practice was with the Environmental Law Centre in Edmonton, Alberta for 11 years, the last two as Executive Director. There she developed keen interests in water law and policy, municipal law and policy, legal issues concerning inter-jurisdictional management and ecosystem approaches, law and sustainability, and private conservancy instruments.

Arlene's books include *Alberta Public Rangeland Law and Policy*, *A Conservation Easement Guide to Alberta*, *Reconciling Political and Ecosystem Borders: A Legal Map and Alberta Wetlands: A Law and Policy Guide*.

Arlene has served on the Alberta Water Council, Wetlands Team, the Alberta Water Management Review Committee, which was instrumental in developing new water legislation for the province, and the federal Regulatory Advisory Committee constituted under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act to advise the federal Environment Minister on matters concerning environmental assessment in Canada.

Allan Ingelson

Allan Ingelson holds a B.A. from the University of Alberta, a B.Sc. and LL.B. from the University of Calgary and a LL.M. from the University of Denver. His graduate work was in international natural resources and environmental law and policy. In 1991 he was admitted to the Law Society of Alberta as a Barrister & Solicitor in Alberta and holds memberships in the Canadian Bar Association, the Law Society of Alberta and Beta Gamma Sigma.

Professor Ingelson holds a cross-appointment with the University of Calgary Faculty of Law and the Haskayne School of Business. Prior to this joint appointment, Allan served as Associate Dean for Undergraduate and Graduate Programs and Acting Associate Dean for MBA Programs at the Haskayne School of Business.

Journals in which he has published scholarly papers include the Journal of Energy and Natural Resources Law, the Journal of Natural Resources and Environmental Law, the

Natural Resources Journal and the Water Law Review. His research focuses on regulation of the Canadian and international energy and mining sectors.