

Law & Society



Climate Change and the Law: Rising Tides Wash Up Legal Issues

Fifteenth Annual Law and Society Symposium

February 24, 2023 | The Charleston Museum

8:30 Welcome and Opening Remarks

Larry Cunningham

Provost, Dean, and Professor of Law, Charleston School of Law

Don Gordon, PhD

Executive Director, The Riley Institute at Furman

Zachary Porter

Editor in Chief, Charleston Law Review

Christopher Fulmer

Symposium Editor Vol. XVII, Charleston Law Review

8:45 Keynote Address

Phyllis Cuttino

President and CEO, The Climate Reality Project

Cuttino is a leader with deep experience and success with leading campaigns, coalitions, and issue advocacy efforts to achieve policy and narrative change, particularly around the climate and clean energy.

9:30 Break

9:45 Panel 1 | Trends in Climate Litigation

Moderated by David Hoyle

Member, Motley Rice, LLC

Jacqueline Gallant

Litigation Associate, Climate Litigation Accelerator at the Center for Human Rights and Global Justice at New York University School of Law

Acting as a generalist in the field, Gallant has worked on a broad set of issues including rights-based climate litigation, the rights of nature, youth climate activism, the right to a healthy environment, and rights-based biodiversity litigation.

Alyssa Johl

Vice President and Legal Director, Center for Climate Integrity

Johl is an experienced environmental and human rights lawyer and campaigner, focusing on climate rights, justice, and accountability.

Maria Antonia Tigre

Global Climate Litigation Fellow, Columbia Law School's Sabin Center for Climate Change Law; Deputy Director, Global Network for Human Rights and the Environment

Tigre specifically focuses on issues concerning environmental rights, the reshaping of the existing framework of international environmental law, and climate litigation. Originally from Brazil, she also researches the environmental protection of the Amazon ecosystem, emphasizing regional cooperation.

10:45 Break

10:50 Panel 2 | The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Flood Management Projects and the Charleston Peninsula Study

Moderated by **Brian Turner**

President and CEO, Preservation Society of Charleston

Jacob Lindsey

Vice President, Lowe Enterprises

Lindsey holds 20 years of experience in planning, design, and development. He previously served as director of planning and development services for the City of Boulder, Colorado, and as director of planning, preservation and sustainability for the City of Charleston.

Dale Morris

Chief Resilience Officer, Office of Resilience and Sustainability, City of Charleston

Morris spent 24 years with the Royal Netherlands Embassy where he directed the Dutch Government's water management and adaptation work in the U.S. The former director of strategic partnerships for the Water Institute of the Gulf, he worked with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Engineering with Nature Initiative to select the Institute to analyze the benefits of nature-based projects more fully.

Natalie Snider

Associate Vice President, Climate Resilient Coasts and Watersheds, Environmental Defense Fund

Snider has worked as a senior coastal research scientist for the State of Louisiana, and she was a science director at the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana. Her areas of expertise include ecosystems, large-scale restoration and protection planning, science communication, natural resources management and policy, science-based decision making, ecosystem services, natural infrastructure, rivers and deltas.

11:50 Break

12:00 Panel 3 | Ethical Considerations in Climate Change: Renewable Energy, The Role of the Law Firm in a Changing Climate, & Other Considerations

Moderated by **Katie Fowler-Monoc**

Attorney and Owner, Monoc Law

Will Cook

Partner, Cultural Heritage Partners

Cook is a nationally recognized lawyer and scholar with a successful record for protecting National Historic Landmarks, significant landscapes, historic viewsheds, and traditional cultural properties. His practice focuses on balancing historic preservation with economic development so that historic preservation law is more efficient, effective, and predictable.

Haley Czarnek

National Director, Earth Island Institute's Law Students for Climate Accountability (LSCA)

Czarnek served on the LSCA's first National Leadership Committee as a law student at the University of Alabama and now, as the organization's first national director, seeks to change the culture of the law profession.

Stinson Woodward Ferguson

Environmental Attorney, The Anthony Law Firm; Certified Sustainability Consultant, Sustainability By Stinson

Ferguson specializes in environmental law, previously serving as the South Carolina Energy staff attorney for the Southern Environmental Law Center in Charleston. She is a certified sustainability consultant and a certified sustainability (ESG) practitioner through the Center for Sustainability and Excellence.

1:00 Closing Remarks Christopher Fulmer