

The Law of Energy

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Symposium Agenda

Friday, February 5, 2016 | Charleston Music Hall, 37 John Street

- 8:15 a.m. **Registration**
CLE Course No. 161894
- 8:45 a.m. **Introduction & Welcome**
Roger (Hank) Young, *Editor in Chief*,
Charleston Law Review

Donald Gordon, Ph.D., *Executive Director*,
The Riley Institute at Furman

Andrew Abrams, *Dean*, *Charleston School of Law*
- 8:55 a.m. **Why “The Law of Energy?”**
Clinton Magill, *Symposium Editor*, *Charleston Law Review*
- 9:00 a.m. **Panel One: Offshore Energy—
Drilling Toward an Uncertain Future**
Moderated by Jack Smith, *Partner*,
Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP

Norman Anseman, III, *Partner*, *Jones Walker LLP*

Christopher DeScherer, *Managing Attorney*,
Southern Environmental Law Center

The Hon. Stephen Goldfinch, Jr.,
Representative for District 108,
South Carolina House of Representatives

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- 10:30 a.m. **Panel Two: Discussions and Responses to South Carolina Act 236 and Other Solar Energy Initiatives**
Moderated by Blan Holman, *Managing Attorney, Southern Environmental Law Center*
- Ashley Cooper, *Partner, Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP*
- Hamilton Davis, *Energy and Climate Director, Coastal Conservation League*
- The Hon. Harold Mitchell, Jr., *Representative for District 31, South Carolina House of Representatives*
- Noon **Keynote Address**
Introduction: J. Edward Bell, III, *President, Charleston School of Law*
- Keynote: Catherine Heigel, *Agency Director, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control*
- 12:45 p.m. **Lunch on Your Own**
- 2 p.m. **Panel Three: No Time to Waste—
An In-Depth Look Into Nuclear Energy in South Carolina**
Moderated by Aleatra Williams, *Professor of Law, Charleston School of Law*
- Dan Gatlin, *Vice President of Nuclear Operations, SCANA*
- Charles Munns, *Vice Admiral, United States Navy (Retired)*
- Wyatt Sassman, *Associate Attorney, Southern Environmental Law Center*
- 3:15 p.m. **Closing**
Lauren Sprinkle, *Associate Symposium Editor, Charleston Law Review*



Keynote Speaker



Catherine E. Heigel is the Director of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). Appointed to the position by the S.C. Board of Health and Environmental Control and confirmed by the State Senate, she assumed her duties as director of the agency in June 2015.

Heigel holds more than twenty years of combined legal, regulatory, and executive management experience. Prior to her role as director of DHEC, she served as general counsel and corporate strategies officer for Elliott Davis Decosimo, LLC. As general counsel and corporate strategies officer, she was responsible for managing the firm's legal, M&A, and compliance functions.

Before her time with Elliott Davis Decosimo, LLC, Heigel spent eleven years with Duke Energy, serving in various capacities to her last role with the company as president of their South Carolina operations. While at Duke Energy, she established the first South Carolina state president's organization and worked with her team to manage the company's regulatory initiatives and strategy in South Carolina. Following her time with the company, Heigel held a position as executive vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary at the American Transmission Company, an electric transmission utility based in Wisconsin. Heigel earned her bachelor's degree from the University of South Carolina and her law degree from the Ohio State University School of Law.

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Norman (Skeet) Anseman, III is a partner in the Lafayette offices of Jones Walker LLP. His practice focuses on the areas of maritime, energy, oil and gas, aviation, commercial litigation, employment, and products liability. He has authored papers on the immediate handling and response to mass offshore casualties and the many ethical concerns facing lawyers and corporate defendants from the onset of mass casualty, such as the Deep Water Horizon Incident. Anseman earned his bachelor's degree, *cum laude*, from Louisiana State University and his law degree from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University.

J. Edward (Ed) Bell, III is President of the Charleston School of Law and is the founder and senior partner of Bell Legal Group in Georgetown, S.C. He is an attorney, businessman, entrepreneur and philanthropist. In a career spanning more than 30 years, he has distinguished himself as a top litigation attorney at local, state and national levels and has tried more than 300 major cases throughout the United States. Bell earned his undergraduate degree from Wofford College and his J.D. from the University of South Carolina School of Law.

J. Ashley Cooper is a partner in the Charleston office of Parker Poe, where he practices regulatory and commercial law with a focus on energy law, counseling clients on compliance with government regulations relating to Open Access Transmission Tariff administration, generator interconnection processes, market manipulation rules, electric reliability rules, renewable energy transactions, and transmission planning. Prior to joining Parker Poe, Cooper served as Chief Compliance Officer and Assistant General Counsel for a Fortune 500 energy-based holding company in South Carolina. He earned his bachelor's degree from Clemson University and his law degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law.

Hamilton Davis currently serves as the Energy and Climate Director for the Coastal Conservation League and has been with the organization since 2006. In addition, he currently serves on the Energy Advisory Council for the Public Utility Review Committee, the S.C. Offshore Wind Regulatory Task Force, the S.C. Energy Office Advisory Council, and is a board member of the S.C. Solar Business Alliance. Davis is a native of South Carolina with a B.S. from Clemson University and a J.D. from the University of South Carolina School of Law.

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Christopher DeScherer is a Managing Attorney in the Charleston Office of the Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC) where he leads the non-profit organization's Coast and Wetlands Program. Accordingly, he focuses his practice on growth and coastal protection in the South Carolina Lowcountry, with a specific focus on projects that oppose offshore drilling in the Atlantic, save Southern wetlands, reform transportation in South Carolina, and oppose the proposed expansion of the Mark Clark Expressway. DeScherer received his undergraduate degree from the University of Virginia and his law degree from the Georgetown University Law Center, where he was a member of the *Georgetown University Law Review*.

Dan Gatlin is the Vice President of Nuclear Operations at SCANA. He has a background in operations, maintenance, engineering, and risk analysis (PRA) and has a passion for running a safe nuclear plant, managing risk, succession planning, knowledge transfer, and training the future leaders for their roles in safe nuclear plant operations. Gatlin graduated with a B.S. from Christian Brothers University and is a certified Professional Engineer in Electrical Engineering.

Stephen Goldfinch, Jr. serves in the S.C. House of Representatives for District 108. He has held the position for the past three years, during which time he has served on the Agriculture, Natural Resources & Environmental Affairs Committee. Stephen earned a degree in Biology from The Citadel where he graduated with honors: the Dean's list, the President's list, and the Commandant's list. He also received a master's in business administration from The Citadel and earned his law degree from the Charleston School of Law in 2010.

Blan Holman is a Managing Attorney in the Charleston Office of the Southern Environmental Law Center, a non-profit environmental legal advocacy group with its headquarters in Charlottesville, Virginia. He focuses his practice on litigation and is currently involved in projects involving solar initiatives, clean power plans, and energy efficiency. Holman graduated from the University of North Carolina and received his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law.

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Harold Mitchell, Jr. serves in the S.C. House of Representatives for District 31 and has held the position since 2005. He has a long record of achievements in environmental justice beginning in 1997 when he started a grassroots movement to clean up and fully remediate the two Superfund sites and four brownfield sites surrounding his family home. In his capacity as State Representative, Rep. Mitchell helped introduce important solar farm legislation in 2013. Rep. Mitchell received his undergraduate degree from the University of South Carolina and continued his education at Dominion Bible College.

Charles (Chuck) Munns served 34 years in the U.S. Navy achieving the rank of Vice Admiral. His last assignment made him responsible for all U.S. Nuclear Submarines worldwide. Munns was CEO of Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, the Company managing the DOE Savannah River nuclear facility near Aiken, S.C., and currently is the Chairman of a pro nuclear 501(c)3 organization, Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness (CNTA). He has a B.S. in Physics from the U.S. Naval Academy and M.S. in Computer Science from the University of Colorado.

Wyatt Sassman is an Associate Attorney in the Charleston Office of the Southern Environmental Law Center, a non-profit environmental legal advocacy group with its headquarters in Charlottesville, Virginia. Prior to joining the non-profit organization, Sassman served as a law clerk to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit. Sassman graduated *magna cum laude* from Vanderbilt University and also received his J.D. from the Vanderbilt University School of Law.

N. Jack Smith is a partner of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP. He practices in Charleston in the areas of environmental law and litigation, administrative law, land use law, and constitutional law. Smith is also the Founding Chair of the Environment and Natural Resources Section of the S.C. Bar. He graduated from the University of South Carolina and also received his J.D. from the University of South Carolina School of Law.

Aleatra Williams is a Professor of Law at the Charleston School of Law. Prior to joining the Charleston School of Law faculty, Aleatra was a visiting assistant professor of law at the University of Minnesota and University of Louisville and also practiced corporate law in Oklahoma, serving as in-house counsel for a company with more than 40 corporations. She teaches several courses, including Property Law and Wills, Trusts, and Estates, and also has experience in Disaster Law.



The Charleston Law Review is a general interest publication committed to the finest scholarship and research across a broad range of topics in the law. Its primary objective is to foster the knowledge and insight of students, practitioners, scholars and the judiciary through a traditional forum dedicated to augmenting the pursuit of innovative legal expression, composition and scholarship. Members of the Law Review contribute to this objective by editing articles, writing notes and actively participating in all aspects of the publication process.

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