

# Prosecuting and Defending Citizens' Suits

FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 2010 Elihu Harris State Building 1515 Clay Street Oakland, CA 94612 **REGISTRATION** 8:00 a.m.

**PROGRAM** 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

#### **GENERAL SESSION**

8:00 a.m.

Registration

9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

**Opening Remarks by Co-Chairs** 

**Speakers** Robert "Perl" Perlmutter, Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger LLP, San Francisco

Danielle Fugere, Friends of the Earth, San Francisco

9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

#### ABC's: Practical Aspects of Prosecuting Citizens' Suits

The panelists will discuss important issues relating to getting a case into court and keeping it there. The discussion will focus on key state and federal environmental statutes, including CEQA, NEPA, CWA, RCRA and Prop. 65, and will discuss common defenses, and recent development in the law.

Speakers Richard Drury, Lozeau | Drury LLP, Alameda (Moderator)

Debbie Sivas, Stanford Law School, Palo Alto

Sarah Owsowitz, Cox, Castle and Nicholson, LLP, San Francisco

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

**Break** 

10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

#### **CEQA** and Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Global warming continues to be a critical and controversial issue under CEQA. The panelists will discuss the new CEQA Guidelines addressing greenhouse gas emissions, as well as recent developments in the case law and the efforts of the Attorney General's office to ensure that cities and counties adequately address greenhouse gas emissions in their general plan updates. Proposed legislative amendments to CEQA will also be discussed.

**Speakers** Janill Richards, California Attorney General's Office, Oakland (Moderator)

Matt Vespa, Center for Biological Diversity, San Francisco Chris Calfee, Best, Best & Krieger, Walnut Creek Jim Moose, Remy, Thomas & Moose, LLP, Sacramento 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch (provided)

1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**Keynote Speaker** Felicia Marcus, NRDC, San Francisco

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Quick Hits: Updates on Proposition 65, Environmental Justice, and SLAPP's

Each panelist will provide a "quick hit" update on recent trends and developments involving one of the following: Proposition 65, environmental justice litigation, and the anti-SLAPP statute.

**Speakers** Robert "Perl" Perlmutter, Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger LLP, San Francisco (Moderator)

Susan Fiering, California Attorney General's Office, Oakland Marybelle Ngozi Nzegwu, Center on Race Poverty & Environment,

San Francisco

3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Break

3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Use of Traditional Mandamus, Taxpayer Standing, and other Pioneering Enforcement Tools

In recent years, environmental and community groups have increasingly relied on non-environmental laws to secure standing and obtain enforcement of environmental laws that lack effective citizen suit provisions. This panel will focus on the use of the traditional mandamus statute (CCP § 1085), taxpayer standing, and other innovative mechanisms to enforce environmental laws. The panel will also address recent legal developments that have limited citizen suit standing, such as Proposition 64, and pending legislative and initiative proposals to limit citizen enforcement of CEQA.

Speakers James Wheaton, Environmental Law Foundation, Oakland (Moderator) Jamee Patterson, California Attorney General's Office, San Diego Robert C. Goodman, Rogers Joseph O'Donnell, San Francisco

4:45 p.m.

Conclusion and Wrap Up

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

#### PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

The deadline to pre-register is June 18, 2010.

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Register online at www.calbar.org/enviro. Online registration closes after June 18, 2010.

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Mail to Program Registration, State Bar of California, 180 Howard Street, San Francisco CA 94105.

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For special assistance call (415) 538-2582.

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