



**2015
Annual
Florida Bar
Convention**

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The Florida Bar Continuing Legal Education Committee and the
Environmental and Land Use Law Section presents

Environmental Law and Land Use June Program

COURSE CLASSIFICATION: INTERMEDIATE

Friday, June 26, 2015, 8:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

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Staff Contact: Calbrail Bennett (cbennett@flabar.org)

8:30 a.m. - 8:40 a.m.

Introduction

- Kelly Samek, Chair, Environmental & Land Use Law Section, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission
- Brooke Lewis, Program Co-Chair, Hopping Green & Sams, P.A.

8:40 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Administrative Law Update

- Francine Ffolkes, Florida Department of Environmental Protection

9:30 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.

Legislative Update

- Larry Sellers, Holland & Knight, L.L.P.
- Frank Matthews, Hopping Green & Sams, P.A.

10:20 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Office of General Counsel's Roundtable

- Moderator: Timothy J. Center, Centerfield Strategy
- Craig Varn, General Counsel, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- John Costigan, Assistant General Counsel, Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services
- William Congdon, General Counsel, St. Johns River Water Management District



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LECTURERS

TIM CENTER is an attorney and statewide leader focused on building better communities for everyone. He is the Executive Director of the Capital Area Community Action Agency - a \$9 million non-profit that helps people who have the will to move out of poverty positively change their lives. He serves as the Executive Director of Sustainable Florida which promotes sustainable practices in Florida that protect our natural resources, strengthen our economy, and improve our quality of life. Tim is the Principal of Centerfield Strategy, a consulting firm focusing on strategic planning, community engagement, public speaking and facilitation. He received the 2014 Hero of Service Award from City Year, and is a graduate of Leadership Florida and Leadership Tallahassee. A fourth generation Floridian from Tampa, Tim lives in Tallahassee with his wife, Amy, and their fabulous daughter, Hayden.

WILLIAM H. CONGDON is General Counsel of the St. Johns River Water Management District. Prior to his appointment as General Counsel, Bill served as the District's Deputy General Counsel, handling significant litigation in federal court, state court, and at the Division of Administrative Hearings. Before joining St. Johns, Bill was a Deputy General Counsel for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and an Assistant State Attorney prosecuting criminal cases. He received a bachelor's degree from Duke University, a master's degree in microbiology from the University of Florida (UF), and his J.D. with honors from the University of Florida.

JOHN W. COSTIGAN is Deputy General Counsel for the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and practices before the Division of Administrative Hearings and all Florida and Federal Courts, including the 5th and 11th U.S. Courts of Appeal and the United States Supreme Court. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Drake University in 1971 and his Juris Doctorate degree from the Florida State University College of Law in 1974. He was a partner with Parker, Skelding, Costigan, McVoy and Labasky specializing in civil litigation in federal courts until 1987, and subsequently served as head of the Environmental Law section of the Florida Department of Legal Affairs and as Deputy General Counsel of the Public Lands Section of the Office of General Counsel of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection prior to his current service.

FRANCINE M. FOLKES is the Administrative Law Counsel in the Office of General Counsel for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. She is responsible for reviewing recommended orders from administrative law judges, including the record of evidentiary hearings, drafting agency final orders, and advising the agency head regarding final agency action. She is Florida Bar Board Certified in State and Federal Government and Administrative Practice and is a member of the Certification Committee. She updated the chapter on rule adoption for The Florida Bar's Florida Administrative Practice Manual (9th Ed., Fall 2011). Ms. Ffolkes received her Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Science and Biology from the University of Miami in 1985, and her Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Miami School of Law in 1989.



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FRANK E. MATTHEWS is a shareholder with the Tallahassee law firm of Hopping Green & Sams, P.A. Over the last 34 years, he has developed an extensive regulatory practice and established himself as an expert in environmental/land use law. He specializes in wetlands and surface water permitting. Mr. Matthews has participated in drafting and lobbying most of Florida's surface water and wetland laws and regulations, including the Florida Environmental Reorganization Act of 1993, the Bert J. Harris Property Rights, Jr. Private Property Rights Act of 1995 and the Watershed Restoration Act of 1999. He has represented the electric utilities, mining, agricultural and development interests in administrative, judicial and legislative forums.

LAWRENCE E. SELLERS, Jr. is a partner in the Tallahassee office of Holland & Knight, L.L.P. He received his J.D. with honors from the University of Florida, where he served on the Florida Law Review. He is a past chair of the Environmental and Land Use Law Section. He regularly provides advice on permitting and enforcement matters involving a variety of administrative agencies. He represents clients before the Florida Legislature. He writes and speaks frequently on matters involving administrative and environmental law. Mr. Sellers currently serves on The Florida Bar's Board of Governors and is Board Certified in State and Federal Government and Administrative Practice.

CRAIG VARN earned his J.D. from Florida State University College of Law, undergraduate degree from Florida State University and his Civil Engineering degree from the University of Florida. He joined the Department as General Counsel after spending more than fourteen years in the private sector and representing governmental agencies before legislative and executive branches of government, agencies, Cabinet and gubernatorial commissions on growth management, environmental and local government issues. Prior to becoming an attorney, Mr. Varn worked as an engineer designing stormwater management facilities, drainage systems, and support structures, utilizing computer analysis and design and assisted clients in environmental permitting for stormwater management facilities.

CLE CREDIT

General: 4.0 hours

CERTIFICATION CREDITS

City, County & Local Government Law: 4.0 hours

State and Federal Government and Administrative Practice: 4.0 hours