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## **Upcoming Program Information**

### **Pennsylvania Program on Negotiating Settlements Under Clean Water Act**

On February 12, 2009, Deputy Section Chair Ken Gelburd will host a brown-bag “Lunch and Learn” in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, co-sponsored by EENR Section and by FBA’s Eastern District of Pennsylvania Chapter. The topic will be “Negotiating Settlements under the Clean Water Act.” Panelists will include EPA counsel Lori Kier (civil section) and Martin Harrell (criminal prosecutions section), Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Assistant Counsel William Gerlach (citizen group and state government representation) and attorney John Joseph of the Philadelphia firm Post & Schell (private defense). For more information or to register for this event, please contact Ken Gelburd at [kgelburd@state.pa.us](mailto:kgelburd@state.pa.us).

### **Tulane Environmental Summit**

On April 3-4, 2009, the EENR Section will be a cosponsor of the Tulane Environmental Summit in New Orleans, Louisiana, for the third year in a row. This year’s summit will address a wide range of environmental issues. The EENR Section is sponsoring a panel of distinguished speakers on the Supreme Court’s environmental caseload, including a discussion of Federal preemption of State regulation. EENR will be contributing speakers to one or more panels. Join us at Tulane Law School in the beautiful weather of a New Orleans spring! Details to follow by e-mail.

### **Co-Sponsoring a Program With Your Local Chapter**

Do you have an idea for a program to be cosponsored by EENR Section and your local FBA Chapter? EENR Section is seeking to assist chapters with environment, energy, and natural resources law programming. We would strongly consider any request by a chapter for the Section to assist with such programming by securing speakers, providing financial assistance, providing technical assistance, promoting the event—whatever your chapter most needs to make your event a reality! To start the ball rolling, please send an e-mail to EENR Section Chair Warren Burke at [warren\\_burke@yahoo.com](mailto:warren_burke@yahoo.com). ♦

## **Message from the Chair**

*by Warren Burke*

I am proud to report that the EENR Section’s new board, seated in late September, is functioning well. The board’s 11 members have a broad range of professional experience and geographic diversity. We serve in government, private firms, and nonprofit organizations. We hail from the East Coast, the South, the Midwest, the West, and the West Coast. Each month we meet by teleconference, and I am greatly impressed by our board’s dedication and energy. I am particularly proud of our new officers: Deputy Chair Kenneth Gelburd and Treasurer John Harms.

The section’s next event is a brown-bag “Lunch and Learn” in Philadelphia, Pa., on “Negotiating Settlements Under the Clean Water Act.” For details, see the article below. In April, for the third year in a row, the section is co-sponsoring Tulane Law School’s annual environmental summit by contributing panelists. In September, we have secured a slot in the FBA’s CLE programming at the annual meeting and convention in Oklahoma City, Okla.

I am especially excited by the section’s efforts to join with FBA chapters across the nation to sponsor programming. Our first such effort this year was scheduled to be held in December—the section and FBA’s Capitol Hill Chapter organized a luncheon with Ron Tenpas, then assistant attorney general of DOJ’s Environmental Division. Unfortunately, Tenpas ended up canceling because of a last-minute scheduling conflict. But preparations for the event demonstrated how the section, with its expertise and connections in the field of environment, energy, and natural resources law, can work closely with FBA chapters and their network of local members and venues to sponsor high-quality programming. The section has already entered into discussions with several other chapters to cosponsor future programs.

Do you have any suggestions for programs or program speakers? Are you willing to help with a program? Do you have any interest in section leadership, such as by serving on a standing committee? I invite you to become more active in our section by sending an email to me at [warren\\_burke@yahoo.com](mailto:warren_burke@yahoo.com). I look forward to hearing your suggestions and promise to work with you and other section members to make your participation in the EENR Section meaningful and rewarding. ♦

### **Calendar of Events**

Negotiating Settlements Under the Clean Water Act, Philadelphia, Pa. ....	Feb. 12, 2009
FBA Midyear Meeting, Arlington, Va. ....	March 20–21, 2009
Tulane Environmental Summit, New Orleans, La. ....	April 3–4, 2009
FBA Annual Meeting and Convention, Oklahoma City, Okla. ....	Sept. 10–12, 2009

## Seeking Articles for The Federal Lawyer Magazine

*The Federal Lawyer* is proposing to publish an issue this summer dedicated to the theme of environment, energy, and natural resources law. To this end, *The Federal Lawyer* is seeking two to three longer articles of 3,000–5,000 words and one to three shorter articles of 1,000–3,000 words.

Possible types of articles include a full-length feature article, a piece on an emerging legal trend, a profile of a prominent public figure, or a focus on a specific area of concern. EENR Section members are encouraged to submit articles for publication.

If you or someone you know would be interested in contributing, please contact EENR Section Chair Warren Burke at [warren\\_burke@yahoo.com](mailto:warren_burke@yahoo.com) or *The Federal Lawyer's* editor in chief Rene Harrod at [rharrod@bergersingerman.com](mailto:rharrod@bergersingerman.com). ♦

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