Environmental Law Distinguished Speaker Series

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March 18, 2014

E. Christopher Abruzzo

"Environmental Priorities and Accomplishments of the Corbett Administration"

Harrisburg Campus
A180, 4:00 p.m.

(videoconferenced to Delaware Campus, Special Collections)

1 free CLE (substantive) credit available for this program.

E. Christopher Abruzzo is Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). His priorities include improving transparency at the agency and working more closely with stakeholders in the development of policy and regulations. He previously served as a Deputy Chief of Staff to Governor Corbett and a Chief Deputy Attorney General in the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office, where he supervised the Drug Strike Force Section and the Medicaid Fraud Control Section. He earned his bachelor's degree from St. Joseph's University and his law degree from the Widener University Law School in Harrisburg.

March 27, 2014

Hope M. Babcock

"A Dystopian Dance—the Dysfunctional Coupling of the Supreme Court and the Ninth Circuit in Environmental Cases "

Delaware Campus
Special Collections, Noon

(videoconferenced to Harrisburg Campus, L205)

Hope M. Babcock has been a member of Georgetown Law School's environmental law faculty since 1991. She directs an environmental clinic and teaches environmental and natural resources law. Prior to joining the faculty, she was general counsel to the National Audubon Society, practiced energy and environmental law at various Washington, D.C. law firms, and was a Deputy Assistant Secretary of Energy and Minerals in the U.S. Department of the Interior. She has published extensively in the fields of environmental and natural resources law as well as Indian law. She received her undergraduate degree from Smith and law degree from Yale.

April 8, 2014

Zygmunt J. B. Plater

"TVA v. Hill: A Little Fish in a Pork Barrel"

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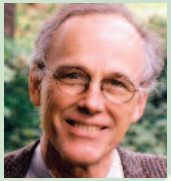

Zygmunt J. B. Plater is Professor of Law at Boston College Law School, teaching and researching in the areas of environmental, property, land use, and administrative agency law. He served as petitioner and lead counsel in Tennessee Valley Authority v. Hill, a landmark 1978 U.S. Supreme Court decision involving the Endangered Species Act. He was chairman of the State of Alaska Oil Spill Commission's Legal Task Force over a two-year period after the wreck of the M/V Exxon-Valdez. He is a graduate of Princeton University and Yale Law School, and received LL.M. and S.J.D. degrees from Michigan.

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