Seventh Annual Clyde O. Martz Winter Symposium

A Green New Deal for Public Lands?

Friday, February 28th, 2020
Wolf Law Building, Wittemyer Courtroom
University of Colorado School of Law
Clyde O. Martz was a father of natural resource law in the United States. He was an exemplary teacher, mentor, counselor, advocate, and a professor of natural resources law for 15 years at Colorado Law. Professor Martz was one of the founders of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation and of the Law School’s Natural Resources Law Center, which later became the Getches-Wilkinson Center for Natural Resources, Energy, and the Environment. In 1951, he assembled and published the first natural resources law casebook, combining the previously discrete subjects of water law, mining law, and oil and gas law.

In 1962, Professor Martz joined the law firm of Davis Graham & Stubbs. During his tenure at Davis, Graham & Stubbs, he took periodic leaves of absence to serve as the Assistant Attorney General of the Lands and Natural Resources Division of the U.S. Department of Justice (1967-69), a Colorado Special Assistant Attorney General (1971-75), and as the Solicitor of the Department of the Interior (1980-81). He retired from the firm in the late 1990s and passed away in 2010 at the age of 89.

The Martz Natural Resources Management Fund was established in memory of natural resources law pioneer Clyde Martz and supports innovative programming at Colorado Law on best practices in natural resources management.

**Symposium Introduction**

For the 7th Annual Martz Winter Symposium we are joined by legal scholars, political appointees, and practitioners across a range of specialties to address the new legal challenges facing public lands law. Managing public lands for a diverse population, impacts on local communities, recreational disputes, and potential litigation all have broad practical import for policymakers, litigators, the outdoor recreation industry, and those who enjoy our public lands.

The Getches-Wilkinson Center is hosting the 2020 Martz Winter Symposium in collaboration with the Colorado Law Review and the Colorado Natural Resources, Energy & Environmental Law Review. It is our hope that these dialogues and the forthcoming law review articles will generate solutions that can be implemented by practitioners on the ground and will inform future lawyers entering the field.
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Martz Winter Symposium

8:00  Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:45  Welcome by GWC Executive Director Alice Madden

9:00-10:15
New Concepts for Public Lands: Climate, Equity, and Diversity
The nation’s public lands, which comprise roughly one third of the United States, are sites of intense controversy as well as occasional consensus. Some debates recur with different accents, such as arguments for and against privatization and/or for and against greatly enhanced environmental protection. Consensus seems to adhere around iconic landscapes, such as National Parks. Yet even there, previous frameworks may be missing the mark in terms of some of the most pressing issues facing public lands today. Our panelists will address challenges to the future of public lands that require fresh approaches, even if the problems themselves are not new. Questions will include: How should we manage public lands in light of climate change? How can public lands be managed to include a more diverse population? Can public lands be sites of equity and inclusion?

Moderator
Michael Connor
Partner, Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP
Former Deputy Secretary of the US Department of the Interior

Confirmed Speakers
Steve Feldgus
Deputy Staff Director & Senior Energy and Minerals Policy Advisor
House Natural Resources Committee

Robert Keiter
Wallace Stegner Professor of Law
Director, Wallace Stegner Center of Land, Resources, and the Environment
University of Utah

Oriana Sandoval
CEO
Center for Civic Policy

Alan Spears
Senior Director for Cultural Resources
National Parks Conservation Association

10:15-10:45  Morning Networking Break
(Refreshments provided in Boettcher Hall)
10:45-12:00
**Public Lands and Livelihood: Beyond the Jobs v. Environment Debate**

Whether to protect public lands from resource extraction often hinges on views about economic benefits to surrounding communities. Can economic wellbeing and livelihood be seen as harmonious with protective public lands management rather than in tension with it? This panel will explore versions of this question from the perspective of Native nations, rural communities, and other constituencies.

**Moderator**
**Scott Hardt**  
*Partner, Davis Graham and Stubbs LLP*

**Confirmed Speakers**
**Ann Eisenberg**  
*Assistant Professor of Law*  
*University of South Carolina*

**Jessica Shoemaker**  
*Associate Professor of Law*  
*University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

**Rebecca Tsosie**  
*Regents Professor of Law; Faculty Co-Chair, Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy Program*  
*Special Advisor to the Provost for Diversity and Inclusion*  
*University of Arizona*

12:00-12:45  
**Lunch**  
*(Lunch provided in Schaden Commons, 2nd floor - West side)*
Symposium Armchair Discussion
This moderator led discussion will incorporate different viewpoints regarding the legal issues facing the future of public lands management, drawing on the experience of experts from previous administrations.

Moderator
Robert Anderson
Charles I. Stone Professor of Law and Director, Native American Law Center
University of Washington

Confirmed Speakers
John Leshy
Harry D. Sunderland and Distinguished Professor of Law Emeritus
University of California Hastings, College of Law
Solicitor, Department of the Interior, 1993-2001

Rebecca Watson
Wellborn, Sullivan, Meck, and Tooley P.C.
Former Assistant Secretary for Lands and Minerals Management US Department of the Interior

Recreation and Public Lands: Beyond the Hiker v. Off Road Vehicle Debate
Recreation disputes on public lands often involve motorized versus non-motorized uses. These conflicts are not going away, but they hardly capture the full scope of concerns about who accesses the public lands for recreation and how. This panel will address how different demographic groups (based on race, ethnicity, age, and generation,) raise new and interesting questions about who the public lands are for and how to manage them.

Moderator
Mark Squillace
Raphael J. Moses Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Research
University of Colorado

Confirmed Speakers
Jose Gonzales
Founder and Director Emeritus, Latino Outdoors
Partner, Avarna

Sarah Krakoff
Moses Lasky Professor of Law
University of Colorado

Teresa Martinez
Executive Director
Continental Divide Trail Coalition
3:15-3:45  Afternoon Networking Break  
(Refreshments provided in Boettcher Hall)

3:45-5:00  New and Old Tools for the Future of Public Lands
The concluding panel will consider how new and existing laws and policies can address the full scope of public lands issues raised throughout the day. To what extent can litigation under existing laws still serve the public, and the public lands? Does the National Environmental Policy Act need revision, or just revival? Are public trust concepts viable? If so, in their current form or do we need an expanded understanding of public trust? Panelists will address these and related questions.

Moderator  
Phil Hanceford  
Conservation Director, Agency Policy and Planning  
The Wilderness Society

Confirmed Speakers  
David Adelman  
Harry Reasoner Regents Chair in Law  
University of Texas at Austin

Sharon Buccino  
Senior Director, Land Division, Nature Program  
Natural Resources Defense Council

Alexandra B. Klass  
Distinguished McKnight University Professor  
University of Minnesota

Heidi McIntosh  
Managing Attorney  
Earthjustice
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