12th Marine Law Symposium

Legal Strategies for Climate Adaptation in Coastal New England

November 16, 2018
Roger Williams University School of Law, Bristol Rhode Island

8:30 AM  Registration and Refreshments

9:00 AM  Welcome to Roger Williams University

9:05 AM  Welcome from the Marine Affairs Institute, Introduction to the Day and Overview of Program
Julia Wyman, Esq., Director, Marine Affairs Institute/Rhode Island Sea Grant Legal Program, Roger Williams University School of Law

9:10 AM  Invited: Shaun O’Rourke, Overview of Physical Problem to Set Context for Legal Discussion

9:25 AM  Are State and Local Governments Liable for a Failure to Adapt to a Changing Climate?
Elena Mihaly, Esq., Staff Attorney, Conservation Law Foundation
Deanna Moran, MPP, MCRP, Director of Environmental Planning, Conservation Law Foundation

10:35 AM  Break
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<td><strong>Adapting to the Deluge: Emerging Legal Issues from Recent Hurricane Seasons</strong> &lt;br&gt;<strong>Dena Adler, J.D., M.E.M., Climate Law Fellow</strong>, Sabin Center for Climate Change Law, Columbia Law School</td>
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<td>11:40 AM</td>
<td><strong>Infrastructure &amp; Sea-Level Rise: Legal Challenges for Local Government Maintenance of Infrastructure</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Thomas Ruppert, Esq.,</strong> Coastal Planning Specialist, Florida Sea Grant</td>
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<td><strong>Opportunities for Institutionalizing Resilience Approaches in Local Laws, Ordinances, Regulations and Policies and a Focus on Strategies for Facilitating Retreat</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Jessica Grannis, Esq.,</strong> Adaptation Program Director, Georgetown Climate Center, Georgetown Law School&lt;br&gt;<strong>Katie Spidalieri, Esq.,</strong> Institute Associate, Georgetown Climate Center</td>
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<td><strong>Facilitated Discussions:</strong> Attendees Select the Discussion Group They Would Like to Learn More About/Share Their Work On&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;i. <strong>Integrating Adaptation into State and Local Plans: How States and Local Governments are Using Planning to Establish Public Interests and Legal Justifications for Future Regulatory Actions or Investment Decisions</strong>&lt;br&gt;Led by Jessica Grannis, Esq., and Katie Spidalieri, Esq.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;ii. <strong>Institutionalizing Resilience Into Ordinances and Codes</strong>&lt;br&gt;Led by Read Porter, Esq., Senior Staff Attorney, Marine Affairs Institute/Rhode Island Sea Grant Legal Program, and Elena Mihaly, Esq.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;iii. <strong>Legal Aspects of Adapting Infrastructure</strong>&lt;br&gt;This facilitated discussion will engage participants on topics about legal challenges they foresee for maintenance of local government infrastructure and discuss ideas for how to address these challenges.&lt;br&gt;Led by Thomas Ruppert, Esq., and Melissa Chalek, Esq., Policy Analyst, Marine Affairs Institute/Rhode Island Sea Grant Legal Program</td>
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<td>3:30 PM</td>
<td><strong>Panel Discussion: Options for State and Local Governments to Proactively Include Adaptation into Planning, and Resources to Assist that Work</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Jessica Grannis, Esq., Katie Spidalieri, Esq.,</strong></td>
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4:00 PM
Concluding Remarks