



**School of Environmental Law  
Tennessee Bar Center  
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Environmental Law is a combination of treaties, statutes, regulations and common law that manages and controls the relationship between human activity and our natural environment. These sessions are designed to give you a basic over view and important updates in three key areas: climate change law and policy, energy law and policy, and hot topics in agriculture. The last session of the day includes recent developments in food safety with a review of the new statutory enactment permitting the growing of hemp in Tennessee. This knowledge will help you with the foundation you will need when working with private companies, consulting firms, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations.

**Agenda**

**12:00 – 12:30                      Registration and Lunch Included**

**12:30 – 1:15                      Climate Change Law and Policy**

*Steven Stout, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation*

This session will review the Federal Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to regulate greenhouse gases to combat climate change. This will include a history of the efforts since the Supreme Court 2007 decision in *Massachusetts v. EPA* and the 2014 Supreme Court decision in *Utility Air Regulatory Group v. EPA* and a discussion of the proposed regulations for new and existing sources under section 111 of the Clean Air Act.

**1:15 – 2:30                      Panel Discussion: Practical application of Energy Law for Tennessee Lawyers**

*Chris Bowles, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP*

*Jim Rossi, Vanderbilt University*

*Annie Passino, Southern Environmental Law Center*

*Drew Goddard, Bass Berry & Sims PLC*

The panel will focus on various practical issues that evolving energy law and policy presents to Tennessee lawyers. Possible topics include: land use, taxation, contracting, utility regulatory, resource management (coal, timber/biomass, solar, wind), and potential company disclosure obligations.

**2:30 – 2:45                      Break**

**2:45 – 3:30**

**Tennessee's Agriculture Programs and Recent Changes in the Definition of Agriculture**

*Theresa Denton, General Counsel, Tennessee Department of Agriculture*

This session will include an overview of the programs administered by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture and an update on the recent changes in the statutory definition of agriculture.

**3:30 – 4:15**

**Recent Developments in Hemp Farming and Food Safety in Tennessee**

*David Waddell, Administrative Manager, Consumer and Industry Services, Tennessee Department of Agriculture*

This session will include a review of the new statutory enactment permitting the growing of hemp in Tennessee and recent developments in food safety in Tennessee.