

TBA Environmental Law Forum

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This year's Environmental Law Forum will provide the information you need to stay on top of key developments in the practice area. This year's forum will feature updates regarding PFAS litigation, OSHA compliance for environmental professionals, Ethics and much more.

10 – 11 a.m. CST

PFAS Update: Tennessee Activities and Litigation

The panel will provide insights about TDEC's past, present and planned activities regarding the ubiquitous family of chemicals known as PFAS. These emerging contaminants impact an array of stakeholders at all levels of government, private industry, non-governmental organizations, and the general public. In addition to TDEC guidance about its planned path forward, an update about select litigation from across the country and an assessment of various implemented or proposed regulatory measures are also in store.

David Higney, Grant Konvalinka & Harrison P.C.

Kendra Abkowitz, Tennessee Department of Environmental Conservation

11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Careful as You Can... Site Hazards, Safe Workplace Practices and OSHA Compliance for Environmental Professionals Working in the Field

Environmental law professionals working in the field encounter both known and unknown dangers. This presentation will identify some of the prevalent and some of the more subtle risks (along with related OSHA standards) – all with a focus on being conscious of worksite hazards.

Michael Mallen, Attorney at Law

12 – 12:30 p.m.

Break

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Working with TDEC

This session will provide an overview for attorneys on working with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC). The presenters will discuss topics including filing appeals with TDEC, public participation and TDEC's self-reporting policy.

Ashley Ball, Tennessee Department of Environmental Conservation

Jenny Howard, Tennessee Department of Environmental Conservation

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

DUAL

Legal Ethics During COVID

This presentation will provide guidance for attorneys regarding ethical issues arising out of the COVID pandemic. The presentation will include ethical issues associated with working remotely, an attorney's responsibilities if they test positive for COVID, and how to respond when a client tests positive for COVID.

Steven Christopher, Board of Professional Responsibility of the SCT of Tenn.