



LEGAL STRATEGIES FOR CLIMATE ADAPTATION IN COASTAL NEW ENGLAND

11TH MARINE LAW SYMPOSIUM

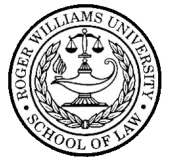
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- 8:30 a.m. Registration and Refreshments**
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome to Roger Williams University**
Andrew Workman, Interim President, Roger Williams University
- 9:05 a.m. Welcome and Introduction from the Marine Affairs Institute**
Julia Wyman, Esq., Director, Marine Affairs Institute/Rhode Island Sea Grant Legal Program,
Roger Williams University School of Law
- 9:10 a.m. Overview of Physical Problem to Set Context for Legal Discussion**
Shaun O'Rourke, Director, Stormwater and Resiliency, Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank; Chief
Resilience Officer, State of Rhode Island
- 9:25 a.m. 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 a.m. Break**
- 10:50 a.m. Adapting to the Deluge: Legal Issues from Recent Hurricane Seasons and Increasing Risks of Flooding**
Dena Adler, J.D., M.E.M., Climate Law Fellow, Sabin Center for Climate Change Law,
Columbia Law School

- 11:30 a.m. Infrastructure & Sea-Level Rise: Legal Challenges for Local Government Maintenance of Infrastructure**
Thomas Ruppert, Esq., Coastal Planning Specialist, Florida Sea Grant
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch**
- 1:30 p.m. Opportunities for Institutionalizing Resilience Approaches in Local Laws, Ordinances, Regulations and Policies and a Focus on Strategies for Facilitating Retreat**
Jessica Grannis, Esq., Adaptation Program Director, Georgetown Climate Center, Georgetown Law School
Katie Spidalieri, Esq., Institute Associate, Georgetown Climate Center, Georgetown Law School
- 2:20 p.m. Facilitated Discussions**
Attendees select the topic they would like to learn more about / share their work on
- Room 286: *Integrating Adaptation into State and Local Plans***
Facilitators: Jessica Grannis, Esq. and Katie Spidalieri, Esq.
- Room 285: *Institutionalizing Resilience into Ordinances and Codes***
Facilitators: Read Porter, Esq., Senior Staff Attorney, Marine Affairs Institute/Rhode Island Sea Grant Legal Program, and Elena Mihaly, Esq.
- Room 262: *Legal Aspects of Adapting Infrastructure***
Facilitators: Thomas Ruppert, Esq. and Melissa Chalek, Esq., Policy Analyst, Marine Affairs Institute/Rhode Island Sea Grant Legal Program
- 3:30 p.m. Panel Discussion: Options for State and Local Governments to Proactively Include Adaptation into Planning, and Resources to Assist that Work**
- Dena Adler, J.D., M.E.M.
 - Jessica Grannis, Esq.
 - Elena Mihaly, Esq.
 - Deanna Moran, MPP, MCRP
 - Katie Spidalieri, Esq.
 - Read Porter, Esq.
 - Thomas Ruppert, Esq.
 - Julia Wyman, Esq.
- 4:00 p.m. Concluding Remarks**
Julia Wyman, Esq.

Special thanks to:

