



A resource for judges resolving water conflicts

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Register Today!

2017 *Dividing the Waters* General Conference
Groundwater Law in Transition
Baylor Law School, Waco, Texas
November 1 – 4, 2017
Conference Fee: \$249 / Lodging Provided!

Course Description

This 2.5-day conference will prepare judicial officers for adjudicating and resolving groundwater conflicts. The faculty, comprised of scientists and judges, will focus on the enduring and emerging conflicts over groundwater in Texas and across the West. As surface water has become fully committed, farms and growing communities have turned to groundwater, leading to conflicts over water as well as land-use. This conference will start with the science of groundwater, and will explore how conflicts over groundwater - and its connection to surface water - have emerged in states across the nation. Some states long ago applied surface water rights law concepts to groundwater. Other states have adopted new governance structures to manage a declining resource, with the hope of restoring groundwater reserves. As a special benefit, conference participants will have an opportunity to see, first-hand, on a day in the field, how groundwater works and contributes to the communities it serves.

Field Trip on Friday

A few weeks before the conference, *Dividing the Waters* will offer a webinar on the different state approaches to groundwater rights law.

Who Should Attend? Any judicial officer who hears water law cases.

Logistical Information

Start and End Times: The program commences on Wednesday, November 1 with an evening reception, and concludes on Saturday, November 4 at noon.

Conference Fee of \$249 Includes: the cost of materials, opening reception, most meals (including the conference dinner at the Baylor Club), and the day in the field.

Lodging is Provided!! Thanks to generous funding from the Water Justice Fund, lodging for three nights at the Courtyard Waco is covered for participants.

A limited number of scholarships are available; apply during the registration process.

Online Registration is Now Open! Go to <https://register.judges.org> and use Quick Code E-DTW

