Upcoming Webinar: Water Quality & Fracking
This summer, *Dividing the Waters* will offer a webinar on water quality and fracking. Last November, at the request of Pennsylvania judges, the Program organized a 1-day workshop on the law and science of fracking related to water, in Pittsburgh. This summer’s webinar will provide an extra benefit for all judges in the DTW network.

Professor James May, from Widener University outside Philadelphia, taught one segment on water quality. May has agreed to return to the NJC/DTW faculty to lead a 2-part webinar on water quality and fracking. The first part will offer a primer on water quality law, while the follow-up will address fracking and provide an opportunity for discussion and questions from those who have watched the first part. Stay tuned for registration information.

Don’t Forget! Instream Flow Workshop – October 17-18
Planning for this October’s workshop on instream flow nears completion. The October workshop will address both the science of instream flow for fish and practical adjudication issues that judges may encounter in such litigation.

This workshop focuses on the needs of judicial officers who either have or will adjudicate instream flow issues. Some instream flow issues settle out. In other cases, however, the instream flow becomes a litigated issue indirectly, as in ESA or FERC litigation or where the Corps of Engineers operates a dam. Federal judges therefore may find this workshop particularly helpful.

For travel planning purposes, the workshop will start at 10 am and end at 4 pm the next afternoon. If you are interested, please mark your calendar and inform Rebecca Bluemer at NJC (bluemer@judges.org).

ABA Year in Review Water Chapters Available Soon
Each year, the American Bar Association’s Section of the Environment, Energy and Resources publishes a *Year in Review (YIR)* that highlights developments in the issue areas of the Section’s many committees. DTW Convener John Thorson recently has led YIR development. This year, *Dividing the Waters* has arranged for access to segments from the water resources and water quality committees.

Starting June 10, you can access these YIR materials via the NJC Cloud. You can use your password from last year’s conference, or you may contact Rebecca Bluemer at NJC to obtain a new password.

In Focus: Colorado Referee Holly Kirsner Strablizky
The judicial officers in the *Dividing the Waters* network serve in a wide range of judicial roles: federal/state judges, masters, referees, magistrates, judicial lawyers. This month, we profile one of the newer members of the network, Colorado Water Referee Holly Kirsner Strablizky.

Since April 2010, Strablizky has served as Water Referee and Magistrate for the 9th Judicial District. As the Referee, she presides over applications for water rights filed in Division 5 Water Court. In three years, she already has adjudicated a wide range of applications, including Colorado Water Conservation Board applications to set instream flow rights, where she considered science issues, including fishery habitat modeling. Recently, she assisted the Program in developing this year’s workshop on instream flow.

Strablizky attended her first *Dividing the Waters* Science for Judges Workshop program in 2004 when she was a Water Master for the Montana Water Court. After a long hiatus, Strablizky attended last year’s conference at UC Davis. She finds *Dividing the Waters* invaluable because it makes water law come alive through field trips, such as touring the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, which illustrate the classroom work. The courses, taught by experts in the field, also make complex water issues easily understood, and lead to great discussions among state and federal judges.

Strablizky has a long history in water law and natural resources. Before appointment to the bench, she practiced water and land use law at Brownstein, Hyatt, in Denver. She previously clerked for Montana Supreme Court Justice Jim Regnier and was a Water Master at the Montana Water Court. In law school at University of Denver, Strablizky served as Editor in Chief for the Water Law Review. Even before law school, she had a career enjoying a connection to water and natural resources, as a land use planner for the City of Steamboat Springs and for Routt County in Colorado.

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