

Friday, March 28, 2003

11:30 am - 2:00 pm **Registration**

Special Session - Continuing Legal Education

12:00 - 1:00 pm

Ethics

Bill Ross, Esq., New Orleans, An update on current ethical rules and jurisprudence in Louisiana.

1:00 - 2:00 pm

Professionalism

Val P. Exnicios, esq., New Orleans, An update on professional standards in the practice of law in Louisiana.

Theme 1

Agriculture & Insects

2:15 - 3:45 pm

**Float like a Butterfly, Sting like a Bee:
Arthropods in Pest Management**

Jay Martin, Beekeeper, New Orleans
Zack Lemann, Insectarium Coordinator,
Audubon Zoo, New Orleans
Dawn Wesson, Assoc. Professor, Dept. of
Tropical Medicine, Tulane Health Sciences
Center, New Orleans

4:00 - 5:30 pm

Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO's)

Aaron Viles, Gulf States Field Coordinator, U.S.
Public Interest Research Group, New Orleans
Gary Myers, Professor of Law, University of
Mississippi, University, MS
Sandra Zellmer, Associate Professor of Law,
University of Toledo College of Law, Toledo, OH

Theme 2

Toxic Torts

**Post Daubert: Getting "New Science"
into Evidence**

--- Trial Demonstration ---

Nicole Martin, Attorney, Lemle & Kelleher,
L.L.P., New Orleans, LA - *Facilitator*

**Toxic Mold: What the heck is it and who
do I sue?**

David Weeks, Dir. of Dallas Operations, Center
for Toxicology and Env. Health, Dallas, TX
Todd Page, Louisiana Department of Health,
New Orleans, LA
Joseph Sejud, Louisiana Department of Health,
New Orleans, LA

6:00 pm Dinner

7:00 - 8:00 pm

Keynote Address

M.C. Mehta

*From the Taj Mahal to
the River Ganges*

M.C. Mehta is a world-renowned public interest lawyer in India and winner of the Goldman Environmental Award who brought the case to save the Taj Mahal from deterioration caused by largely unregulated industrial air pollution. In 1993, after a decade of litigation, India's Supreme Court ordered 212 factories to close for noncompliance with pollution control norms.

University Center, Tulane University
Kendall Cram Room



Saturday, March 29, 2003

Theme 3

International Equity

10:00 - 11:30 am

Indigenous Rights & Development

Hector Huertas Gonzalez, Indigenous Law Specialist, Centro de Asistencia Legal Popular, Panama City, Panama
Armstrong Wiggins, Director, Indian Law Resource Center, Washington, DC
Eric Dannenmaier, Director, Tulane Institute for Environmental Law and Policy, New Orleans

Theme 4

The Coastal Zone

Prehistoric Fish in the 21st Century?

Stephonia Bolden, Fishery Biologist, National Marine Fisheries Service, St. Petersburg, FL
Stephen T. Ross, Distinguished Professor & Curator of Fishes, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS
Robert Wiygul, Attorney, Waltzer & Associates, Biloxi, MS

Theme 5

Sustainable Cities

Alternative Transportation

Geoff Coates, Principal, Urban Conservancy, New Orleans
Elizabeth Davey, Environmental Coordinator, Office of Environmental Affairs, Tulane University, New Orleans
Jim Harvey, Director of Planning, Regional Planning Commission, New Orleans

11:30 - 12:30 pm

Lunch Break

11:30 - 1:30 pm

Special Session: Terrorism and Environmental Security with Senator **Melvin "Kip" Holden** (Louisiana Senate) and **Eric Dannenmaier** (Tulane Law School)

1:45 - 3:15 pm

Transboundary Liability for Overseas Operations

Günther Handl, Eberhard Deutsch Professor of Public International Law, Tulane Law School, New Orleans
Richard L. Herz, Esq., Litigation Director, Earthrights, Washington, D.C.
M.C. Mehta, Public Interest Attorney, New Delhi, India

Hurricane Levee Protection on the Louisiana Gulf

Windell A. Curole, General Manager, South Lafourche Levee District, Galliano, LA
Richard Hartman, Chief, Baton Rouge Office, Habitat Cons. Div., NMFS, Baton Rouge, LA
William P. Klein, Jr., Biologist, Corps of Engineers, New Orleans
Dr. Patrick Shea Penland, Director, Ponchartrain Institute, Univ. New Orleans, New Orleans

Solid Waste - Talking Trash in Metro New Orleans

--- Roundtable ---

Lynn Wiltz, Director, City of New Orleans Sanitation Department, New Orleans
Daria Burgess Diaz, Attorney, New Orleans
Rodney Littleton, Deputy Director, New Orleans Mayor's Office of Environmental Affairs

3:30 - 5:00 pm

Intellectual Property & Biopiracy

Elizabeth Gaibor, Attorney, Wavre, Belgium
Dr. Teodora Zamudio, Professor of Law, University of Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina

The Future of Lake Maurepas

Mark Davis, Executive Director, Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana, Baton Rouge, LA
John Day, Distinguished Professor, Department of Oceanography and Coastal Sciences, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA
Jim Tripp, General Counsel, Environmental Defense, New York, NY (invited)

Brownfields Re-development

Michael W. Flores, Executive Vice-President, GCR and Associates, Inc., New Orleans, LA
Stan Hitt, Region 6 Brownfields Coordinator, Environmental Protection Agency, Dallas, TX
Steve Villavaso, Co-Director, Center for Brownfields Initiatives, New Orleans, LA

5:30 - 6:30 pm

Keynote Address: **Mark Plotkin**

From the Rainforest to the Rigolets: Conservation in the Tropics and Subtropics

Plotkin is a New Orleans native, ethnobotanist and best-selling author who has spent much of his career working with Shamans in the Amazon Rainforest. His latest book, "The Killers Within: the Deadly Rise of Drug Resistant Bacteria," discusses the threat of new "superbacteria."

6:30 pm

Saturday Night Social - Food and Live Music!