

The NSU Shepard Broad College of Law in partnership with funding support from the Environmental and Land Use Section of the Florida Bar hosts the NSU Environmental Law Symposium 2019.

The seminar will feature lawyers and other speakers from South Florida and around the state, addressing environmental law changes resulting from the November 2018 Florida Constitutional Amendments, current issues involving south Florida's water pollution problems, recent and pending legislative, rule and policy changes coming from Washington and Tallahassee. Speakers will emphasize land use and environmental issues affecting Florida's coasts.

Friday, May 10, 2019 | NSU Law Faculty Study

9:30 am	Welcome	Dana Weinstein, RN, BSN , NSU Law JD 2020, 2019-2020 NSU Law Environmental Law & Land Use Society President
9:45 – 10:30 am	National Ocean Policy Update – Florida Focus	Professor Brion Blackwelder , Associate Professor of Law, Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad College of Law, Fort Lauderdale Mr. Blackwelder will evaluate how the Trump Administration approach to National Ocean Policy affects Florida.
10:30 – 11:15 am	The Constitutional , Property, and Land Use Law Aspects of Animal Law	Heidi Mehaffey, Esq. , Robert N. Hartsell, P.A., Pompano Beach, Florida Ms. Mehaffey will discuss the interconnectivity of animal law, constitutional rights and violations, property rights under the Fair Housing Act, and land use regulations.
11:15 – 11:30 am	Break	
11:30 – 12:15 pm	Climate & Sea Level Rise Legal & Policy Update	Erin Deady, Esq. , Delray Beach Ms. Deady will discuss the key pending legal and policy initiatives related to climate change and sea level rise resiliency.
12:15 – 1:15 pm	Lunch & Networking	
1:15 – 2:00 pm	The Environmental Justice and Equity Implications of Sea Level Rise and Climate Change in South Florida	Ms. Nancy Metayer , Environmentalist, The New Florida Majority. Ms. Metayer will discuss the impacts of climate change as an issue of injustice by examining the environmental challenges posed by climate change and linkage to socio-ecological and economic systems that undermine the rights of people.

2:00 – 2:45 pm	Recent Florida Environmental Law & Policy Changes	Aliki Moncrief, Esq. , Executive Director, Florida Conservation Voters, Tallahassee
<p>Ms. Moncrief will provide an update on the environmental legislation passed by the 2019 Florida Legislature, the recent amendments to Florida’s Constitution regarding a ban on offshore oil drilling and indoor vaping, and judicial review of agency actions, and policy direction of the new gubernatorial administration.</p>		
2:45 – 3:00 pm	Break	
3:00 – 3:45 pm	Federal & State Law Hot Topics	Professor Richard Grosso , Professor of Law, Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad College of Law, Fort Lauderdale
<p>Professor Grosso will discuss recent and pending federal regulatory changes, Florida’s efforts to assume federal wetland permitting jurisdiction, recent judicial developments regarding land acquisition funding, Sunshine Laws in environmental cases, environmental advocacy and SLAPP suits, oil drilling in the Everglades, and land use cases of importance to south Florida.</p>		
3:45 – 4:30 pm	New Developments in “Waters of the United States” Federal Wetland Permitting Jurisdiction, Endangered Species, and Other Issues Impacting Florida’s Coastal Environment	Keith L. Williams , Attorney at Law, Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr LLP
<p>Mr. Williams will discuss the divergent federal appellate court interpretations of the scope of federal wetlands permitting jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act (CWA), as well as recent developments regarding the Endangered Species Act, customary beach access in Florida, eminent domain, riparian rights, and judicial review issues.</p>		

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