NSU College of Law Environmental Symposium
Changing Climates, Sea Levels, and Species: Legal & Policy Responses for South Florida

Friday, April 8, 2016
8:30 am – 3:00 pm
NSU Halmos College of Natural Sciences and Oceanography
Guy Harvey Oceanographic Center Auditorium
8000 North Ocean Drive
Dania Beach, FL 33004
Outline and Timeline:

9:15 am
Welcome Address by Dr. Richard Dodge, Dean of Halmos College of Natural Sciences and Oceanography at Nova Southeastern University

Four Panels


Mitch Chester, Esq.

Sea level rise financial adaption from the legal and economic perspectives, including law, insurance and mortgages.

Keith Rizzardi, Esq. St. Thomas Univ. Law School:

Private sector ethics; Risk of fraud and malpractice; Hazard mitigation assistance and relocation assistance.

10:20-11:15: Panel Two - Fish & Wildlife Habitat Management Issue

Shannon Estenoz, Director of Restoration Initiatives, US Dept. of Interior

Responding to the Threat of Invasive Exotic Species

David White, Esq.

Marine Protected Areas

11:15-11:30: Break

11:30-12:00: Panel Three - What Scientists Want Attorneys to Know

Song Gao, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Chemistry, Nova Southeastern University

Professor Joel A. Mintz, Shepard Broad College of Law, Nova Southeastern University

12:00-12:45: Lunch
12:45-2:45:  Panel Four – Government Leadership Initiatives

Erin Deady, Esq.

*Climate & Sea Level Rise Issues for local government planning.*

Nicholas G. Aumen, Regional Science Advisor, U.S. Geological Survey

*Ecosystem and Water Management System Restoration*

Jim Murley, Chief Resilience Officer, Miami-Dade County

*Building Resilience within Greater Miami and the Beaches*

Jennifer Jurado, PhD, Dir., Env. Planning & Community Resilience Div., Broward County

*Resiliency in Broward County and the S.E. Fla. Regional Climate Compact*

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General: 5.0
Certification Credits:
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Real Estate: 5.0
State and Federal Government and Administrative Practice: 5.0

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