

**INTRODUCTION TO ENERGY LAW****Law 270.4****Wednesday****9 am to 9:50 am****Room 170 Boalt Hall****Lecturer: Steven Weissman**

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**Course Description:** Berkeley Law offers a sequence of courses related to energy law, regulation and policy. These subjects are largely unavailable to first-year JD students. This course offers an introductory exposure to energy law and policy and to many of the professional paths available for those interested in the field.

**Requirements:** Students are expected to attend class, complete the required readings each day, and contribute to the classroom discussion. Readings for which there is not a link provided in the syllabus are available on the course bSpace.

In addition, each student will prepare a journal with an entry for each week. The individual entries should be no longer than 2 pages, 1 ½ lining spacing, with 1 inch margins. The journal entries should discuss key take-aways from the week's class session and readings. The journals will be submitted after the completion of the last class session, and evaluated based on the thoughtfulness of the insights and the level of engagement with the subject matter.

There will be no final exam.

**GRADING**

This is a credit/no credit course.

Performance will be evaluated according to the following formula:

1. Class participation, including questions for speakers 35%
2. Class journals (2 pages per week, submitted by April 25<sup>th</sup>) 65%

## **Syllabus**

### **Class 1: January 11**

#### **Introduction to the Course and Energy Use**

- *The Technology Path to Deep Greenhouse Gas Emissions Cuts by 2050: The Pivotal Role of Electricity*, Science Express 2011 by Several Scientists from the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory Read pp.1-5 (first half). **5**

### **Class 2: January 18**

#### **A Fast Fly-by of Energy Law**

- *The Electric Industry at a Glance*, William Steinhurst 2008  
[http://www.nrri.org/pubs/electricity/NRRI\\_electricity\\_at\\_a\\_glance\\_jan11-04.pdf](http://www.nrri.org/pubs/electricity/NRRI_electricity_at_a_glance_jan11-04.pdf)  
Read pp.1-18 (top) and 28-33. **24**

### **Class 3: January 25**

#### **Large Solar Projects**

Scheduled speaker: Peter Weiner, Partner Heading the Environmental and Energy Practice at Paul Hastings

Readings: To be announced (tba)

### **Class 4: February 1**

#### **In-House at a Solar Firm**

Scheduled speaker: Arthur Haubenstock, Chief Counsel and Director of Regulatory Affairs at BrightSource Energy

Readings: tba

### **Class 5: February 8**

#### **Building Carbon Markets**

Scheduled speaker: Holly Stout, Attorney, California Air Resources Board

- *California Cap and Trade Executive Summary* **13**

### **Class 6: February 15**

#### **Being an Associate in an Energy Practice**

Scheduled speaker: Louise Gibbons, Associate at Latham & Watkins

Readings: tba

### **Class 7: February 22**

#### **Smart Meters and Privacy**

Scheduled speaker: Professor Jennifer Urban

- *Comment on the National Institute of Standards and Technology's NISTIR 7628* by the Center for Democracy & Technology 2009 **29**

### **Class 8: February 29**

#### **Putting Together a Renewable Energy Project**

Scheduled speaker: Mark Hennigh, Partner at Greene Radovsky

- *Project Financing Renewable Energy Projects*, Steven Demby and David Rontal 2010 **6**

### **Class 9: March 7**

#### **State Regulatory Practice**

Scheduled speaker: Harvey Morris, Assistant General Counsel at the California Public Utilities Commission

Readings: tba

### **Class 10: March 14**

#### **Being a Utility Lawyer**

Scheduled speaker: Gail Slocum, Attorney at the Pacific Gas & Electric Company

Readings: tba

### **Class 11: March 21**

#### **Climate Policy in China**

Scheduled speaker: Professor Alex Wang

- Testimony of Debbie Seligsohn, World Resources Institute, before the House subcommittee on Energy and Power (Apr. 4, 2011) **10**
- Pew Center on Global Climate Change, "Energy and Climate Goals of China's 12th Five-Year Plan" (Mar. 2011); **4**
- Alex Wang, "Meeting China's Climate Targets," (a report from Copenhagen and discussion of China's institutional tools for meeting climate targets) (Dec. 10,

2009)

[http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/awang/meeting\\_chinas\\_climate\\_targets.html](http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/awang/meeting_chinas_climate_targets.html) 3

- Optional: PRC National Development and Reform Commission "China's National Climate Change Programme" (Jun. 2007); [skim for sense of official Chinese position on climate change; focus on Parts 1 and 2, pp. 4-22]

### **Class 12: April 4**

#### **Helping Cleantech Grow in Silicon Valley**

Scheduled speaker: Mitch Zuklie, Managing Partner for the Transactional Group at Orrick

Readings: tba

### **Class 13: April 11**

#### **Deregulation and Energy Markets**

Scheduled speaker: Matthew Freedman, Attorney at The Utility Reform Network

Readings: tba

### **Class 14: April 24**

#### **Life in the Legislature**

Scheduled Speaker: Henry Stern, Special Consultant to the Senate Select Committee on Climate Change

Readings: tba