INTRODUCTION TO ENERGY LAW

Law 270.4

Thursday
9 am to 9:50 am
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Course Description: Berkeley Laws 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 approximately one to two 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 (where applicable). The journals will be evaluated based on the thoughtfulness of the insights and the level of engagement with the subject matter, and must be submitted in a double-sided hard copy at the beginning of the 5th, 9th, and 13th classes. Those dates are:
February 7th
March 7th
April 11th

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 (1-2 pages per week, submitted as described above)   65%

Syllabus

Class 1: January 10
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 17
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
  Read pp.1-18 (top) and 28-33. **24**

Class 3: January 24
Large Solar Projects
Scheduled speaker: Peter Weiner, Partner Heading the Environmental and Energy Practice at Paul Hastings

Readings: To be announced (tba)

Class 4: January 31, 2013
Protecting Consumers While Protecting the Environment
Scheduled speaker: Haley Goodson, Attorney for TURN (a ratepayer advocacy group that Practices Before the California Public Utilities Commission

Readings: tba

Class 5: February 7
Shrinking Greenhouse Gas Emissions One State At a Time
Scheduled speaker: Ken Alex, Director of the California Office of Planning & Research, Former Lead Environmental Attorney in the California Attorney General's Office

Readings: tba

Class 6: February 14
Being an Associate in an Energy Practice
Scheduled speaker: Louise Gibbons, Associate at Latham & Watkins

Readings: tba

Class 7: February 21
Helping Cleantech Grow in Silicon Valley
Scheduled speaker: Mitch Zuklie, Managing Partner for the Transactional Group at Orrick

Readings: tba

Class 8: February 28
Smart Meters and Privacy
Scheduled speaker: Professor Jennifer Urban

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

Class 9: March 7
State Regulatory Practice
Scheduled speaker: Darwin Farrar, Administrative Law Judge and former Staff 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
Energy in the News

Class 12: April 4
Trading Conceptual Energy
Scheduled speaker: Robin Quarrier, Attorney at the Center for Resource Solutions

Readings: tba

Class 13: April 11
Life in the Legislature

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

Readings: tba

Class 14: April 18

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