

INTRODUCTION TO ENERGY LAW

Law 270.4

Wednesday

9 am to 9:50 am

Room 132 Boalt Hall

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Course Description: Berkeley Laws offers a sequence of courses related to energy law, regulation and policy. These subjects are often 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, and is available to law students and other graduate students at all levels.

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 bCourse.

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 5th

March 5th

April 9th

There will be no final exam.

GRADING

This is a credit/no credit course.

Performance will be evaluated according to the following formula:

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| 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 8

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 15

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 22

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 29, 2013

Being an Associate in an Energy Practice

Scheduled speaker: Louise Gibbons, Associate at Latham & Watkins

- Readings: tba

Class 5: February 5

Renewable Energy Mandates and Their Implications

Scheduled speaker: Arthur Haubenstock, Senior Counsel at Perkins Coie in San Francisco.

- *Readings: Summary of E3 Study of Expanded Renewable Portfolio Standards*

Class 6: February 12

Attorney Generals, Governors, and Energy

Scheduled Speaker: Jennifer Granholm, former Governor of Michigan and former Michigan Attorney General

- Readings: tba

Class 7: February 19

Helping Cleantech Grow in Silicon Valley

Scheduled speaker: Gregory Heibel, Partner for the Transactional Group at Orrick

- Readings: tba

Class 8: February 26**Life in the Legislature**

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

- Readings: tba

Class 9: March 5**Being a Utility Lawyer**

Scheduled speaker: Chanda Nwamu, Attorney at the Pacific Gas & Electric Company

- Readings: tba

Class 10: March 12**State Regulatory Practice**

Scheduled speaker: Darwin Farrar, Administrative Law Judge and former Staff Counsel at the California Public Utilities Commission

- Readings: tba

Class 11: March 19**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 12: April 2**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 13: April 9**Trading Conceptual Energy**

Scheduled speaker: Robin Quarrier, Attorney at the Center for Resource Solutions

- Readings: tba

Class 14: April 16**Wrap-up**