

Interdisciplinary Water Resources Seminar GRAD592

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Topics in Western Water Law

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Evolution of the Law Governing Colorado's Instream Flow and Natural Lake Level Program

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Biography:

Linda Bassi is the Chief of the Colorado Water Conservation Board's Stream and Lake Protection Section, and has worked for the Board since September 2004. Linda is responsible for all program areas of the Colorado's Instream Flow and Natural Lake Level Program, which includes new instream flow water right appropriations, legal protection, monitoring and enforcement of the Board's instream flow water rights, acquisitions of water for instream flow use by the Board, and development of legislation, policies, and rules related to the Program. Prior to working for the Board, Linda worked at the Colorado Attorney General's Office, representing the Division of Water Resources and the Colorado Water Conservation Board on various water rights issues. Linda represented the Board in water court to adjudicate new instream flow water rights, change acquired water rights to instream flow use, and protect existing instream flow water rights. Linda received her J.D. from IIT-Chicago Kent College of Law in 1994, where she completed a program in Environmental and Energy Law.



Abstract:

Colorado's Legislature created the Instream Flow and Natural Lake Level Program in 1973 to address the lack of a legal mechanism to protect water in streams for environmental preservation. Over the years, additional legislation and Colorado Supreme Court decisions have clarified and refined the program. This lecture will trace the laws and court opinions that have shaped the program to address policy issues and meet evolving needs related to protecting valuable natural resources.



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All interested faculty, students, and off-campus guests are encouraged to attend.
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