

Interdisciplinary Water Resources Seminar GRAD592

Fall 2016 Theme:

Topics in Western Water Law

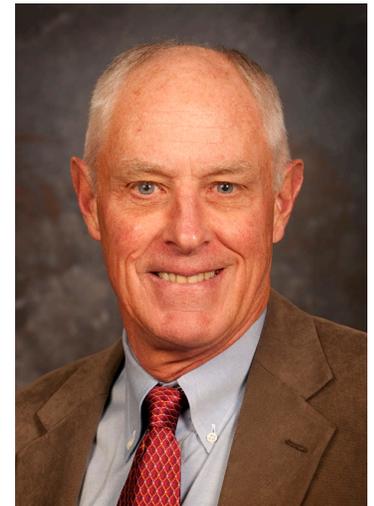
Monday, November 7, 2016 4:00 – 5:00 PM,
BSB Room 103

Other Systems for Allocating and Administering Water in Western States

Larry MacDonnell, University of Colorado Law School

Biography:

Lawrence J. MacDonnell is an attorney and consultant in Boulder, who retired in 2013 as a Professor of Law at the University of Wyoming College of Law. MacDonnell taught water law, public land law, and natural resources law. He is also a Senior Fellow at the Getches-Wilkinson Center and a member of the adjunct faculty at the University of Colorado School of Law. He was the first director of the Natural Resources Law Center at the University of Colorado School of Law, a position he held between 1983-1994. Between 1995-2009 he worked as an attorney and consultant in Boulder, Colorado. His work focused primarily on water resources and on ways to make natural resource development more environmentally compatible. His publications include numerous books, law review articles, other journal articles, and research reports. He has given over 250 invited presentations. MacDonnell is married and has three daughters.



Abstract:

MacDonnell's presentation will discuss the many approaches that exist in the various western states for the allocation and administration of water and water rights. He will discuss the riparian doctrine for surface water and its use in hybrid systems and non-appropriation doctrines that are applied to use of ground water in many states. MacDonnell will also cover the use of permit systems for allocation of rights rather than the water court used in Colorado. Finally, he will introduce the public trust doctrine as it has been applied in California.



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