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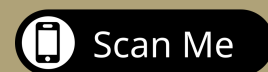
WORKSHOP ON **CORPORATE CLIMATE LIABILITY** COMPARATIVE LEGAL INSIGHTS



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2026
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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Ricketson Law Building
Room 165 & Online





8:30 - 9:00

Registration

9:00 - 9:15

Welcome Remarks

Kelley Loper Director, Ved Nanda Center for International & Comparative Law, Sturm College of Law
Bruce Smith Dean and Professor of Law, Sturm College of Law

9:15 - 9:50

Plenary Address

Henry & Mary Bryan Lecture

Achieving corporate accountability for climate action through climate litigation

The Hon. Justice Brian J Preston

Chief Judge of the Land and Environment Court of New South Wales (Australia)

9:50 - 10:10

Break

10:10 - 12:00

Panel 1

*From Fiduciary Duties and Disclosure
Frameworks to Climate Liability*

Moderator: Wyatt Sassman

Associate Professor of Law, Sturm College of Law

***A Comparative Study of Plausibility of Greenwashing Litigation under Voluntary
ESG and Climate-Related Disclosure Frameworks***

Priya Kumari Assistant Professor, VIT-AP School of Law (India)

Pranav Anand Ojha Assistant Professor, VIT-AP School of Law (India)

Climate Litigation, Banks and Money: Towards a New Trend

Riccardo Aquilini Adjunct Professor, Università del Piemonte Orientale (Italy)



Fiduciary Climate Duties: Emerging Pathways for Corporate and Financial Accountability

Alessandra Lehmen Professor of Law, University of Caxias do Sul (Brazil)

Climate Risk Disclosure Requirements: State, Federal and Global Developments

Allison Herren Lee Adjunct Professor; Senior Research Fellow Institute for Corporate Governance and Finance, New York University School of Law; Former acting chair of the Securities and Exchange Commission

12:00 - 1:00

Lunch

1:00 - 2:15

Panel 2

*Rethinking Causes of Action in
Corporate Climate Litigation*

Moderator: Sarah Schindler Professor of Law & Maxine Kurtz Faculty Research Scholar
Director, Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program,
Sturm College of Law

Strategic Climate Litigation against Major Corporate Emitters in Europe: Filling the Regulatory Gap?

Christina Eckes Professor of European Law, University of Amsterdam (The Netherlands)
Philipp Paiement Professor of Law & Governance in the Anthropocene, Tilburg Law School
(The Netherlands)

De-chartering Carbon Majors in Delaware

James R. May Richard S. Righter Distinguished Professor of Law, Washburn University

Corporate Climate Litigation in East Asia: Civil Law Heritage and Environmental Law Pathways

Hao Zhang Associate Professor of Law, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

2:15 - 2:30

Break



2:30 - 3:45

Panel 3

Human Rights as a Catalyst for Corporate Climate Accountability

Moderator: Annecoos Wiersema Associate Dean of Graduate and International Legal Programs,
Catherine Boggs Endowed Faculty Research Scholar,
Professor of Law, Sturm College of Law

Corporate Climate Liability and Strategic Litigation Against Public Participation in the Energy Transfer-Greenpeace Cases Arising from Opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline

Jackie Dugard Senior Lecturer, Political Science, Institute for the Study of Human Rights,
Columbia University

Inter-Judicial Climate Governance and Corporate Conduct: The Influence of International and Human Rights Courts on Corporate Climate Obligations

Dan Ziebarth Doctoral Researcher, Wageningen University (The Netherlands)

Beyond Courts? Corporate Climate Liability and Access to Remedy in the Global South

Puspa Pokharel Ph.D. Candidate, The University of Hong Kong

3:45- 4:00

Closing Remarks

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