

PROGRAM

3rd Annual Conference on Energy and the Environment
Wednesday, March 14, 2012

Check-In	11-11:30am
Lunch Available	11:30am-12:30pm
Opening Remarks <i>- Dean Eric Janus</i>	11:45am-12pm
Keynote <i>- Robert A. Kaplan, Regional Counsel, EPA Region 5</i>	12-12:30pm
Current EPA Regulations and Impacts <i>- William M. Bumpers, Environmental Partner and Head of Global Climate Change Practice, Baker Botts, LLP</i> <i>- Beth Goodpaster, Energy Program Director, Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy</i> <i>- J. Drake Hamilton, Science Policy Director, Fresh Energy</i> <i>- Robert A. Kaplan, Regional Counsel, EPA Region 5</i> <i>- Frank Kohlasch, Manager, Air Assessment Section of Minnesota Pollution Control Agency</i>	12:45-1:45pm
Building Resiliency in a Changing Climate: Issues in Natural Resources Management <i>- Leslie Brandt, Climate Change Specialist, Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science, USDA Forest Service</i> <i>- Ann Pierce, Conservation Management and Rare Resources Supervisor, Minnesota DNR</i>	2:10-3pm
Case Law Updates <i>- Todd Guerrero, Attorney, Frederikson and Byron, PA</i> <i>- Thaddeus R. Lightfoot, Attorney, The Environmental Law Group, Ltd.</i> <i>- Kevin D. Johnson, Partner, Stoel Rives, LLP</i>	3:20-4:05pm
Closing Remarks <i>- Representative Betty McCollum (D – Minnesota) from Minnesota’s Fourth Congressional District</i>	4:15-4:25pm
Reception <i>Located in the Haynsworth Conservatory (one floor directly below the auditorium)</i> <i>Food and Drinks will be provided</i>	4:30-5:30pm

Application has been made for CLE credits
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ROBERT A. KAPLAN BIOGRAPHY

Robert (Bob) A. Kaplan is the Regional Counsel for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5. As Regional Counsel, Bob oversees an office of approximately 136 staff who are responsible for the conduct of civil and criminal enforcement actions under all federal environmental statutes throughout the six-state Midwest region. Bob and his staff serve as legal counsel to the Regional Administrator, Deputy Regional Administrator, and the various program offices and service organizations within the regional office. In addition to counseling their clients on environmental law, the EPA regional lawyers provide advice on matters including government ethics, contracts, grants, employment and labor law, tribal law, and information law.

Prior to Bob's appointment as Regional Counsel he was the Director of the Special Litigation and Projects Division at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, in Washington, D.C. His division handled multimedia enforcement matters, as well as taking the lead on targeted issues such as CAFO enforcement and worker protection. The division was also responsible for implementation of EPA's audit and SEP policies.

Before joining EPA in January 2003, Bob was Senior Counsel at the Justice Department's Environmental Enforcement Section (EES). His duties at EES included lead counsel in one of the largest of the cases brought by the Justice Department under the Clean Air Act against coal-fired power plants. Bob joined the Justice Department under the Attorney General's Honor Program in 1992, after clerking for the Honorable James Lawrence King, Chief Judge of the Southern District of Florida.

Bob is originally from Boston and is a graduate of Carleton College, and the University of Pennsylvania Law School.