Introduction
Welcome to Environmental Law and Policy! This course will offer an introduction to many important and interesting aspects of environmental law and policy. We will cover a wide range of environmental topics, focusing on national environmental policy as implemented through major federal environmental statutes. In order to cover a variety of topics, the course will include lectures, skill sharing sessions, discussions and a case study/practice exam we will use throughout the semester.

I am the Director of the Chicago Environmental Law Clinic, and teach environmental law courses at Northwestern University Law School and Chicago-Kent College of Law. For several years, I've worked with Professors and students in Northwestern University’s School of Engineering to devise strategies to solve urban environmental problems. I've practiced environmental law for more than 19 years, and will bring this “real life” perspective to the course.

Logistics
Class Hours: Class meets in LG72 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00 to 3:20 p.m.

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Your Email: You are responsible for checking your email on a regular basis. Email may be used to communicate important class information.

Student Obligations and Grading
Your course grade will be determined by your performance on the final examination, scheduled for December 13, 2007, from 2:00 – 4:00. I will make adjustments for attendance and contributions to class discussions. Attendance will be taken. Students who attend class and actively contribute to discussions will be rewarded, and unprepared and absent students risk downgrading.

Reading Assignments
Attached please find a lecture schedule and corresponding reading assignments for the entire semester. Please be aware that as the semester progresses, changes may be made to the lectures and/or assigned readings.


Class Schedule
Class One – 9/25 Introduction
Class Two – 9/27 The National Environmental Policy Act Salzman, 309-322
Class Three – 10/2 – 2:45 start Skill – Reading Environmental Statutes _
Class Four - 10/4 The Administrative Procedures Act Salzman, 57-62


Class Six - 10/11 The Clean Air Act - Criteria Air Pollutants Salzman, 87-98, 108-109

Class Seven - 10/16 Skill - Reading Environmental Permits __ HYPERLINK "http://www.epa.gov/ARD-R5/permits/ilonline.htm" _www.epa.gov/ARD-R5/permits/ilonline.htm_

Class Eight - 10/18 The Clean Air Act - Hazardous Air Pollutants, Trading programs and Product Bans Salzman, 100-135


Class Ten - 10/25 The Endangered Species Act Salzman, 277-297

practice exam

Class Eleven - 10/30 The Clean Water Act - Point and Non-Point Sources Salzman, 137-158

Class Twelve - 11/1 The Clean Water Act - Preventing Degradation of Waterways and Preserving Wetlands Salzman, 158-164; 265-277

practice exam

Class Thirteen - 11/6 NO CLASS NO CLASS


practice exam


Revesz, 279-287

Class Seventeen - 11/20 CERCLA (continued) Brownfields __ HYPERLINK "http://www.epa.state.il.us/land/site-remediation/overview.html" _www.epa.state.il.us/land/site-remediation/overview.html_

practice exam

Class Eighteen - 11/27 The Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act/ Skill - Acquiring Environmental Information on-Line and through the Freedom of Information Act Salzman, 183-186; Harley and Gordon article (handout); www.epa.gov/enviro/

Class Nineteen - 11/29 Environmental Justice Revesz, 116-141

Class Twenty - 12/4 - 2:45 start Exam Review