

# ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

CALIFORNIA  
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ASSOCIATION



## Intro to Environmental Law Series

- Air Quality Law 101 – August 17, 2021
- Water Law 101 – September 2, 2021
- CEQA 101 – October 4, 2021
- Navigating the Yosemite Conference – October 5, 2021
- 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Environmental Law Conference at Yosemite – October 14-17, 2021



### **California Lawyers Association (CLA)**

- Nonprofit, voluntary organization dedicated to the professional advancement of attorneys practicing in the state of California

### **California Young Lawyers Association (CYLA)**

- Represents all lawyers in California in their first 8 years of practice
- Mission is to advance practical skills, leadership and pro bono opportunities, networking, and support to meet the unique needs of California's diverse community of new lawyers

### **Environmental Law Section (ELS)**

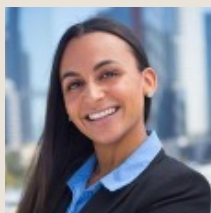
- Mission is to advance the quality, breadth, and availability of information and services related to environmental, natural resources, land use, and energy law, and to enhance the profession by cultivating a well-informed, collegial, and diverse group of lawyers and law students throughout the state

# Intro to Environmental Law Series: Navigating the Yosemite Conference



**Moderator:**

Kimberly Leue Bick, *Bick Law LLP*



**Speakers:**

Paige Samblanet, *The Sohagi Law Group*



Nell Green Nylen, *Center for Law, Energy & the Environment,  
UC Berkeley School of Law*

## AGENDA

- **OVERVIEW OF THE YOSEMITE CONFERENCE**
- **GETTING THE MOST OUT OF ATTENDING**
- **WAYS TO GET INVOLVED**
- **QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION**

# OVERVIEW OF THE YOSEMITE CONFERENCE

- **General structure**
- **Events and activities:**
  - Educational
  - Participatory / Social
  - Inspirational
- **Platform tips**



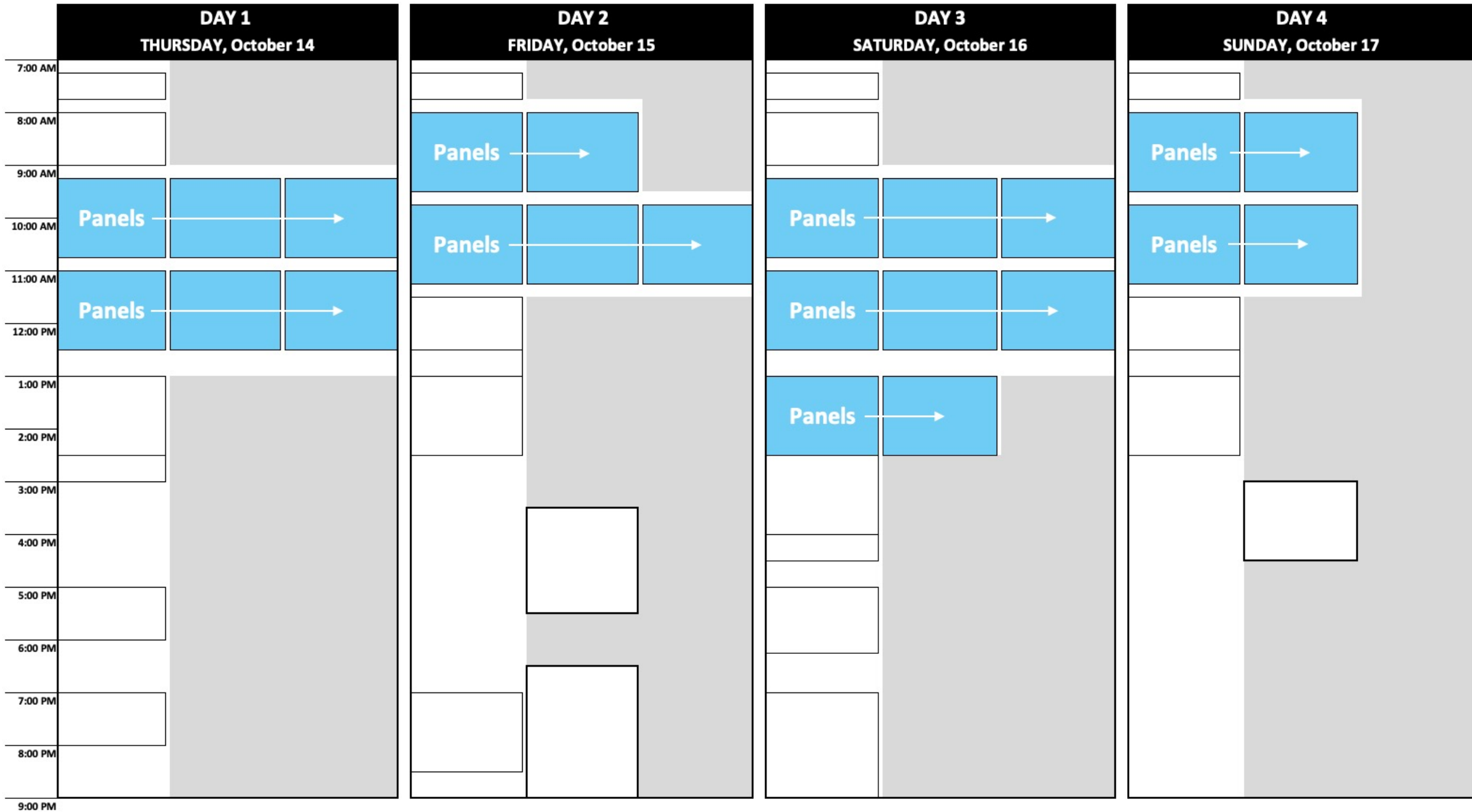
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4:00 PM			San Francisco tree tour led by Friends of the Urban Forest				Beach Cleanups	
5:00 PM	Book Club				Lifetime Achievement Award			
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7:00 PM	Law Student Reception		Virtual Trivia & Socializing	Sacramento In-Person Cocktail Hour	Film Festival Showing			
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# OVERVIEW OF THE YOSEMITE CONFERENCE

- **Educational events**
  - **Plenary presentations**
  - **Panel sessions**
  - **Outdoor presentations**

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## AIR QUALITY / CLIMATE CHANGE:

- The Biden Administration – A Breath of Fresh Air?
- Natural Approaches for Sequestering Carbon
- Recent Developments Regarding Fine Particulate Matter
- Engineered Approaches to Limiting Climate-Change Risks



## ENERGY:

- The Carbon-Free Electric Grid:  
Opportunities and Challenges
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice before the California Public Utilities Commission
- Getting to Zero-Emission Transportation by 2035
- Legal and Policy Mechanisms and Challenges for Addressing California's Aging Oil and Gas Infrastructure



## CEQA / LAND USE:

- Neighboring Priorities: Managing the Resource Impacts of Meeting California's Affordable Housing Shortage
- Protecting Sacred Ground:  
How to Identify and Avoid Culturally Sensitive Sites
- Annual CEQA Update



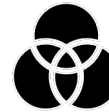
## TOXICS / WASTE / CHEMICALS:

- California's Waste Goals
- Clean Beauty: Regulation of Toxic Chemicals in Cosmetics and Personal Care Products
- Silent Seafloor: Addressing the DDT Disaster off the Southern California Coast



## WATER:

- Learning From Our Dry History:  
Lessons for a Drought-Prone California
- "If You Build It..."
- Pandemic Public Financing Fallout—  
Public Water System Finances and Consumer Debt



## CROSS-DISCIPLINARY:

- Legislative Update
- Environmental Justice: From Advocacy to Action
- Grappling with the Plastics Waste Crisis
- Judicial Update: Recent Environmental Law Developments in the U.S. Supreme Court, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and California Supreme Court
- Sustainability Law and Practice
- Lessons Learned from Environmental Bankruptcy:  
Challenges and Opportunities

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# OVERVIEW OF THE YOSEMITE CONFERENCE

- **Participatory / Social Events — *Virtual***
  - **Coffee Chats**
  - **Book Club**
  - **Law Student Reception**
  - **Virtual Trivia & Socializing**
- **Participatory / Social Events — *In-person***
  - San Francisco tree tour led by Friends of the Urban Forest
  - Sacramento County Bar Association In-Person Cocktail Hour
  - Beach Cleanups

## DAY 1

### THURSDAY, October 14

9:00 PM

## Law Student Reception

## DAY 2 FRIDAY, October 15

**Sacramento  
In-Person  
Cocktail Hour**

**DAY 3**  
**SATURDAY, October 16**

## Coffee Chat

**DAY 4**  
**SUNDAY, October 17**

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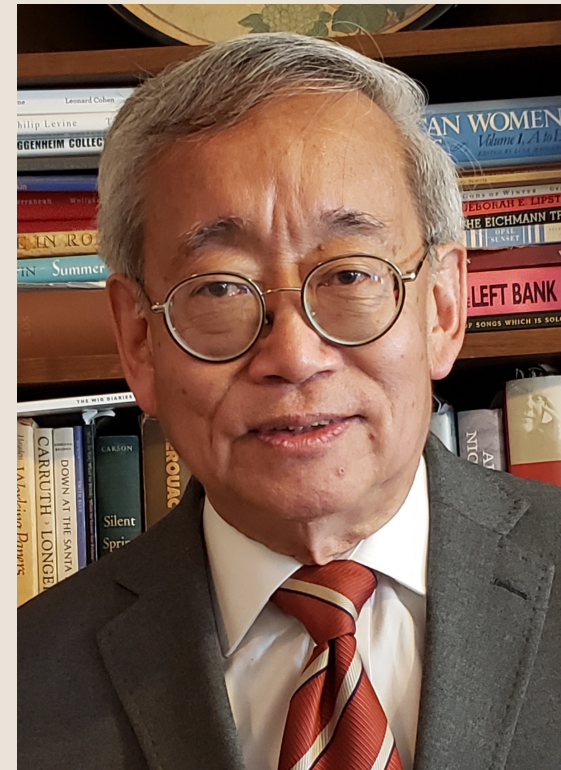
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# OVERVIEW OF THE YOSEMITE CONFERENCE

- Inspirational events:
  - **Lifetime Achievement Award**
    - Clifford Lee — (Retired) Deputy Attorney General, California Department of Justice



# OVERVIEW OF THE YOSEMITE CONFERENCE

- **Inspirational events:**
  - **Wild & Scenic Film Festival**
    - Saturday night showing
    - On-demand

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## CLA Environmental Law Conference

Yosemite, CA (Virtual Event)

Wild & Scenic On Tour Presented By:

Films to be screened include:

### *Here We Stand*

For generations, conservation has been about keeping people from places. Now, Save the Redwoods League and Teresa Baker ask what it would look like for.. [Read More](#)

[VIEW NOW >](#)

### *Tengefu*

Award Winner: 2021 Best Short "Tengefu" is the Swahili word for "protected marine area." Abubakar spends his days dreaming about corals. On an off-grid island.. [Read More](#)

[VIEW NOW >](#)

### *Vertical: The Future of Farming*

A new generation of urban, indoor farmers approach to food production offers the potential to combat climate change while feeding hundreds of millions. The result, according to.. [Read More](#)

[VIEW NOW >](#)

### *Chasing Ghosts*

In their quest to identify the pollinator of the ghost orchid for the first time, a team of explorers, photographers, and filmmakers spent three summers.. [Read More](#)

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# Conference Website

<https://pheedloop.com/yosemite21/site/home/>

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Register



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DAYS

15

HOURS

57

MINUTES

43

SECONDS

## 30th Annual Environmental Law Conference at Yosemite

 October 14, 2021 - October 17, 2021

The Environmental Law Conference at Yosemite® is nationally recognized as the largest and most prestigious gathering in California of leaders in environmental, land use, and natural resources law. Our thirtieth annual Conference incorporates the spirit of Yosemite into a virtual setting. We hope you will join us and many of our nation's top environmental officials, lawyers, and other professionals for four days of legal education and collegiality.

Qualifies for 16.5 Hours of MCLE Credit. Includes 1.5 Hours Legal Ethics, 1.5 Hours Legal Specialization in Bankruptcy Law.



# Conference Schedule

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Dates and Times in America/Los\_Angeles Time Zone

## Thursday, October 14

07:30 AM - 07:50 AM



**Coffee Chat – Everyone Welcome**

08:00 AM - 09:00 AM



**Department of the Interior Priorities** MCLE: 1.0 Hour

Plenary

 Janea Scott

 Laura Godfrey Zagar

09:15 AM - 10:45 AM



**California's Waste Goals** MCLE: 1.50 Hours

Toxics/Waste/Chemicals

 Catherine Riegler Finley

 Debbie Raphael

 Nick Lapis

 Veronica Pardo

 Whitney Amaya



**Learning From Our Dry History: Lessons for a Drought-Prone California** MCLE: 1.50 Hours

Water

 Clifford Lee

 Felicia Marcus

 Nell Green Nylen

 Valerie Kincaid

 Vicky Espinoza



# Law Student Resources Page

There are many ways for law students to get involved with and gain experience through the Environmental Law Section and our programming. Here are some key ways to get involved, prepare for, and make the most out of attending the 2021 Environmental Law Conference "at Yosemite."

## 1. Before the Conference: Explore our new "Intro to Environmental Law Webinar Series"

Interested in the practice of environmental law? Our FREE Environmental Law 101 series covers key practice areas within the environmental legal field. The series is geared toward law students, new lawyers, and even experienced attorneys interested in learning more about environmental law. It's great preparation for the Yosemite Conference!

Recordings will appear on Environmental Law's YouTube playlist soon.

- Air Quality Law 101 – August 17, 2021
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- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) 101 – October 4, 2021 – [Register here!](#)
- Navigating the Yosemite Conference – October 5, 2021 – [Register here!](#)

## 2. At the Conference: Engage with other attendees

- **Law Student Reception**, Thursday, October 14, 7–8:30 pm – [Register here!](#)  
Join us on the first night of the Yosemite Conference for an opportunity to meet fellow law students, to learn more about the Environmental Law Section and the opportunities it holds for students, to ask environmental lawyers about career pathways, and to have some fun! All are welcome. We hope to see you there!
- **Book Club**, Thursday, October 14, 5–6 pm – [Register here!](#)  
The Environmental Law Section (ELS) invites members to stay connected and inspired through book selections (through a range of styles and topics) that touch on environmental law issues. For our October book club session, held in conjunction with the Yosemite Conference, we'll be discussing Carolyn Finney's [Black Faces, White Spaces: Reimagining the Relationship of African Americans to the Great Outdoors](#). We are excited to have the author joining us for a Q&A to start the discussion. We encourage you to read along with us and join us for the online discussion (even if you don't finish the book!).
- **Coffee Chats**, twice daily – See the conference schedule for times and more details!

## 3. After the Conference: Continue engaging with the Environmental Law Section

- **Diversity & Inclusion Fellowship Program for Summer 2022** - Applications are due October 25, 2021 – See details on how to apply  
The Environmental Law Section's Diversity & Inclusion Fellowship Program provides law students an opportunity to spend 8 to 10 weeks over the summer practicing environmental, energy, land use, and/or natural resources law at a participating government agency or public interest organization. Each Fellow receives a \$6,500 stipend. The Section also matches Fellows with mentors who practice in the field, coordinates gatherings and provides opportunities for Fellows to meet other Section members, and invites Fellows to attend the Section's Environmental Law Conference at Yosemite® in October following the Fellowship with free conference registration.
- **Post-Yosemite Conference Law Student and Young Lawyer Zoom Social** - [Check back soon for the Date, Time, and registration link!](#)  
A few weeks after the Yosemite Conference, we will hold a Zoom Social. Grab a drink or snack and come hop on Zoom to say hi, check in, and share your experience. We especially want to hear from Law Students and Young Lawyers, find ways to support them this year, and give everyone another opportunity to connect. Members of the Environmental Law Section's Executive Committee will be available to say hello and answer questions.
- **Explore other ways to get involved with the Environmental Law Section!**



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- **Platform tips**

- Session chat — Public chat for each plenary, panel, and outdoor presentation
  - Use for questions for speakers
- Private chat function — Available throughout the conference platform (video chat option)
- Simu-live — During the session presentation time, pre-recorded portions will play as if live.
- MCLE — A pop-up will appear ~10 minutes into a session that provides MCLE credit.

**Registrants can watch recordings of plenaries, panels, and outdoor presentations for 30 days after the conference ends!**



# GETTING THE MOST OUT OF ATTENDING

- **Before the Conference**
- **During the Conference**
- **After the Conference**

## BEFORE THE CONFERENCE

- **Introduction to Environmental Law 101 Series**
- **Review List of Speakers**
- **Identify Topics of Interest/ Questions**
- **Set Conference Goals**

## DURING THE CONFERENCE

- **Attend Coffee Chats**
- **Utilize Pheedloop Chat Function**
- **Execute List of Goals**
- **Keep Notes**
- **Attend the Social Events**

## **AFTER THE CONFERENCE**

- **Follow Up with Conference Connections**
- **Attend other Section Events**
- **Post-Yosemite Zoom Social**
- **Diversity & Inclusion Fellowship for Law Students**

## WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

- Join CLA, CYLA, or one of the Sections once you graduate and are admitted to the Bar
- Attend webinars and in-person events (e.g., Yosemite Conference, Diversity Conference, 101 Series, Annual Meeting)
- Earn MCLE credit through online videos or self-study materials
- Submit an article for our eNews or other Section publications
- Watch CYLA's 10 Minute Mentor videos on YouTube
- Participate in Student Negotiation and Writing Competitions
- Attend our Book Club
- **Apply for Summer Fellowships** (Deadline: October 25<sup>th</sup>)

## Diversity & Inclusion Fellowship for Law Students

For more information about the *Environmental Law Diversity & Inclusion Fellowship* and to apply please visit: <https://calawyers.org/section/environmental-law/fellowships/>



## QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

THANK YOU!



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