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## Environmental Law Careers Series

- Environmental Careers in City Government
- Environmental Careers in State Government



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

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

### **California New Lawyers Section (NLS)**

- 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



## WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

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- Join CLA, ELS, NLS, or one of the other Sections
- Attend webinars and in-person events (Yosemite Conference, 101 Series, Annual Meeting, networking events)
- Earn MCLE credit through online videos or self-study materials
- Submit an article for our eNews or other Section publications
- Watch free videos on CLA's YouTube channel
- Participate in Student Negotiation and Writing Competitions
- Attend our Book Club
- Apply for Summer Diversity & Inclusion Fellowships
- Nominate recipients for the ELS Lifetime Achievement, ELS Trailblazer, or NLS Jack Berman Awards
- Check out the CLA and ELS job boards
- Mentorship Program



# Environmental Law Careers Series

## Environmental Careers in City Government

### Panelists



**Miles Hogan**  
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Deputy Attorney,  
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Deputy City Attorney,  
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**Andrea Ruiz-Esquide**  
Deputy City Attorney,  
City of San Francisco



Moderator:  
**Claire S. McLeod Ruiz**  
Associate, Beveridge & Diamond, P.C.



## Audience Questions & Discussion

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Please submit questions via the Q&A feature.



# 23rd Annual Student Negotiations Competition

## *March 21, 2025 – UCLA School of Law*

- Eligibility: Open to students in all California law schools who have completed their first year. Each law school can enter one team and nominate one alternate team
- Competition Format: Two 60-minute preliminary rounds. Four teams advance to the final round
- First Prize: \$1,000 | Second Prize: \$500
- **Registration Deadline:** February 7, 2025
- More information: <https://calawyers.org/event/annual-student-negotiations-competition/>





# Diversity Conference

*Early June 2025 – Loyola Law School*

- **Save the Date!**
- More information coming soon at:  
<https://calawyers.org/event/2025-diversity-conference/>





# Environmental Law Diversity and Inclusion Fellowship Program

- Provides opportunities for law students from diverse backgrounds to work in governmental and public interest environmental law organizations in order to develop their interests and skills in the field of environmental law
- 8 to 10 weeks over the summer with a current stipend of \$8,000
- Assistance with placement and matched with mentors who practice in the field
- Attend the Section's Environmental Law Conference at Yosemite® in October following the Fellowship with free conference registration
- Applications due in the fall
- More information: <https://calawyers.org/section/environmental-law/fellowships/>







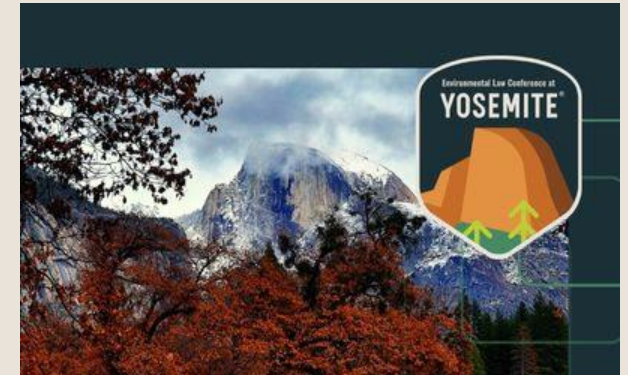
## ELS Mentorship Program

- Pairs newer attorneys and law students with more experienced attorneys to provide the following benefits:
  - **For mentees.** Newer attorneys and law students can broaden their network, develop meaningful professional relationships, gain valuable knowledge and insight into the profession, or even successfully transition from another field into practicing environmental law.
  - **For mentors.** More experienced attorneys can contribute to the professional development of new attorneys, identify potential new hires, develop their own communication and leadership skills, and experience the value of giving back to the profession.
- Applications closed December 20, 2024; apply this fall for next year's program.
- More information: <https://calawyers.org/section/environmental-law/mentorship-program/>



## 2025 Environmental Law Conference at Yosemite®

- October 16 – 19, 2025, at the Tenaya Lodge in Fish Camp, California, minutes from Yosemite National Park.
- The Conference features 27 educational sessions with stellar speakers, fun outdoor activities, and lots of social events. This is a great opportunity to meet and reconnect with environmental law friends and colleagues in a beautiful setting.
- More information: <https://calawyers.org/section/environmental-law/yosemite/>





## Thank you!

Review recordings and materials from previous sessions, and be on the lookout for future programs here:

<https://calawyers.org/section/environmental-law/events/>

<https://calawyers.org/section/environmental-law/environmental-law-101-series/>

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