

# 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Environmental Superconference

“Happy Days”



**Thursday – Friday • August 1 – 2, 2024**  
**Four Seasons Hotel • Austin, Texas**

PRESENTED BY:

**Environmental & Natural Resources Law Section of the State Bar of Texas**

Air & Waste Management Association, Southwest Section

Water Environment Association of Texas

American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources

SUPPORTED BY:

**EarthX**

**THURSDAY AUGUST 1, 2024**

7:30 am to 8:15 am

**CHECK IN/ BREAKFAST**

*Wake Up Little Susie*

8:15 am to 8:45 am

**OPENING REMARKS**

*Come Go With Me*

[Jeff Civins](#), *Chair*, Texas Environmental Superconference

[Trammell S. Crow](#), *Founder*, EarthX

[Sally Mills Perry](#), *Chair*, Air & Waste Management Association, Southwest Section

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- MODERATOR:** [Pam Giblin](#), *Senior Policy Advisor*, Climate Leadership Council
- 8:45 am to 9:45 am **CASE LAW UPDATE – SCOTUS**  
*It's All in the Game*  
[Thomas O. McGarity](#), *Professor of Law*, The University of Texas at Austin
- 9:45 am to 10:15 am **CASE LAW UPDATE – OTHER**  
*Rock and Roll is here to Stay*  
[Jillian Marullo](#), *Special Counsel*, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP
- 10:15 am to 10:30 am **BREAK**  
*On the Waterfront*
- 10:30 am to 11:15 am **AIR QUALITY**  
*Smoke gets in Your Eyes*  
[Taylor Holcomb](#), *Partner*, Jackson Walker LLP  
Brooke Villegas, *Assistant Regional Counsel*, EPA Region 6  
Jacob Gallegos, *Assistant Regional Counsel*, EPA Region 6
- 11:15 am to 12:00 pm **METHANE**  
*Volare*  
[Ashley T. K. Phillips](#), *Partner*, Holland & Knight  
[Jim Blackburn](#), *Professor in the Practice of Environmental Law*, Co-director, SSPEED Center, Rice University
- 12:00 pm to 1:15 pm **LUNCH**  
*Some Like it Hot*  
**MODERATOR:** [Carolyn Ahrens](#), *Of Counsel*, Booth & Associates. P.C.
- 1:15 pm to 2:30 pm **WATER SUPPLY**  
*Splish Splash*  
[John Hryhorchuk](#), *Senior Vice President of Policy and Advocacy*, Texas 2036  
Michael Irlbeck, *Director, Business Development*, EPCOR  
[Robert Mace, Ph.D.](#), *Executive Director & Professor of Practice*, Department of Geography, Texas State University  
[Cole C. Ruiz](#), *Principal*, Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C.
- 2:30 pm to 3:15 pm **TCEQ & EPA**  
*Do You Want to Dance?*  
Stacey B. Dwyer P.E., *Deputy Regional Administrator*, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6  
[Catarina Gonzales](#), *Commissioner*, TCEQ
- 3:15 pm to 3:30 pm **BREAK**  
*Sugar Time*

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- 3:30 pm to 4:00 pm      **ESA**  
*See You Later Alligator*  
[Brooke M. Marcus](#), *Partner*, Nossaman LLP
- 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm      **ENFORCEMENT**  
*Who’s Sorry Now?*  
[David Arthur Terry](#), *Counsel*, Hunton Andrews Kurth  
Barrett Hollingsworth, *SEP Attorney - Litigation Division*, TCEQ  
Cheryl Seager, *Director*, Enforcement and Compliance Assurance  
Division, EPA Region 6
- 5:00 pm to 5:05 pm      **CLOSING REMARKS**  
*What’d I Say*
- 5:05 pm to 6:00 pm      **RECEPTION**  
*Let the Good Times Roll*

### FRIDAY AUGUST 2, 2024

- 7:30 am to 8:15 am      **BREAKFAST**  
*The Howdy Doody Show*
- 8:15 am to 8:30 am      **OPENING REMARKS**  
*That’ll Be the Day*  
**MODERATOR:** [Cindy Bishop](#), *President*, C Bishop Law PC
- 8:30 am to 9:30 am      **PFAS**  
*From Here to Eternity*  
[Steven D. Cook](#), *Of Counsel*, Bracewell LLP  
[Dorothy E. Watson](#), *Partner*, Foley & Lardner LLP  
[Rock J. Vitale](#), *Technical Director of Chemistry/Principal*, Environmental  
Standards
- 9:30 am to 10:15 am      **INSURANCE**  
*Searchin’*  
[Andrew Van Osselaer](#), *Associate*, Haynes and Boone LLP  
[Lindene E. Patton](#), *Partner*, Earth & Water Law LLC  
[Jim Vetter](#), *Managing Director*, Marsh USA
- 10:15 am to 10:30 am      **BREAK**  
*Yakety Yak*
- 10:30am to 11:00 am      **NEPA/CEQ**  
*Chances Are*  
[Brandon M. Tuck](#), *Partner*, Vinson & Elkins LLP

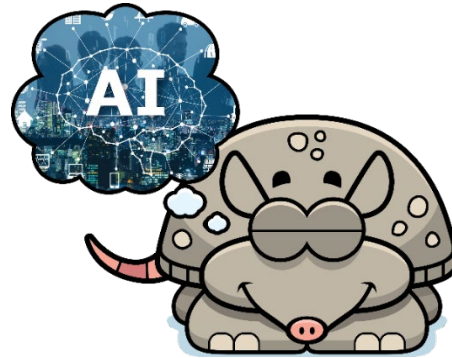
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- 11:00 am to 11:45 am     **CARBON CAPTURE/PORE SPACE**  
*Pore Little Fuel*  
  
[Katie Windle](#), Associate, Baker Botts LLP  
  
[Charles McGuire](#), Project Manager, Technical Permitting - Oil & Gas  
Division, Railroad Commission of Texas
- 11:45 am to 12:45 pm     **LUNCH**  
*High Noon*
- 12:45 pm to 1:00 pm     **TENRLS MEETING**  
*Magic Moments*  
  
**MODERATOR:** [Stephanie Bergeron Perdue](#), Partner, Baker Botts L.L.P.
- 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm     **CLIMATE DISCLOSURE**  
*Where or when?*  
  
[Ty'Meka Reeves-Sobers](#), Partner, Clifford Chance
- 1:30 pm to 2:00 pm     **INCIDENT PLANNING AND RESPONSE**  
**FRP AND RMP UPDATES**  
*All I Have To Do Is Dream*  
  
[Joseph A. Eisert](#), Partner, King & Spalding LLP
- 2:00 pm to 2:45 pm     **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE**  
*Don't Be Cruel*  
  
[Christian D. Menefee](#), Attorney, Harris County Attorney's Office  
Clarissa Howley Mills, Deputy Regional Counsel, EPA Region 6
- 2:45 pm to 3:45 pm     **ETHICS**  
*Johnny B. Goode*  
  
[Travis J. Sales](#), Partner, O'Melveny & Myers, LLP  
  
[Tracy Hester](#), Professor, University of Houston Law Center
- 3:45 pm to 3:50 pm     **CLOSING REMARKS**  
*Hit The Road Jack*  
  
**ICE CREAM SUNDAES**  
*A Sundae Kind of Love*

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Wednesday • July 31, 2024  
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## ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FOR ENVIRONMENT PROFESSIONALS

WEDNESDAY JULY 31, 2024

- 3:45 pm to 4:25 pm **CHECK IN**
- 4:25 pm to 4:30 pm **Welcome:** [Mary Simmons Mendoza](#), *Vice Chair*, Texas Environmental Superconference
- 4:30pm to 4:50 PM **View from the Bench**  
*The Twilight Zone*  
The Honorable Alan D. Albright, *U.S. District Judge*, Western District of Texas
- MODERATOR:** [Mary Simmons Mendoza](#), *Partner*, Haynes and Boone LLP
- 4:50 PM to 6:30 PM **Legal and Ethical Issues**  
*The Great Pretender*  
[Henson Adams](#), *Associate*, Haynes and Boone LLP  
[Ed Cavazos](#), *Partner*, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP  
[Kevin D. Collins](#), *Partner*, Bracewell  
[Elizabeth Rogers](#), *Of Counsel*, Winstead PC

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## PERTINENT INFORMATION

**CLE: Wednesday’s Program:** This course has been approved for Minimum Continuing Legal Education credit by the State Bar of Texas Committee on MCLE in the amount of 2.00 hours of CLE credit, all of which can be applied to the legal ethics/professional responsibility requirement. It is pending approval by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization for 2.00 hours for the following specialty fields: Administrative Law; Civil Trial Law; Civil Appellate Law; Oil, Gas and Mineral Law; and Real Estate Law.

**Thursday and Friday’s Programs:** This course has been approved for Minimum Continuing Legal Education credit by the State Bar of Texas Committee on MCLE in the amount of 12.25 hours of CLE credit, of which 1.00 hour can be applied to the ethics requirement. It is pending approval by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization for 12.25 hours for the following specialty fields: Administrative Law; Civil Trial Law; Civil Appellate Law; Oil, Gas and Mineral Law; and Real Estate Law.

**HOTEL:** We’ve arranged a limited hotel block with discounted rates at the FOUR SEASONS HOTEL, 98 San Jacinto Blvd., Austin, Texas 78701. To book a room, please contact the Four Seasons – by phone (512-478-4500) or online [www.fourseasons.com](http://www.fourseasons.com).

**Discounted rates for our hotel block are:** City View – \$325/night and Lake View – \$385/night.

**Group Name:** Texas Environmental Supercon  
**Block Rate Code:** 240728TES

**QUESTIONS:** If you have any questions, please contact: The Superconference at [superconference@haynesboone.com](mailto:superconference@haynesboone.com)

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Your confirmation email will provide you with a link to cancel. Cancellations received by 5pm Central Time on July 12th will receive a full refund. Cancellations received afterwards but by 5pm Central Time on July 26th will receive a refund less a \$200 cancellation fee. Cancellations received after 5pm Central Time on July 26 will not receive a refund, however you can substitute an attendee by notifying us by email by 5pm Central Time on July 30th. **NOTE:** It is the responsibility of the registrant to cancel any hotel reservations and to comply with the hotel’s cancellation policy, which is different than the Conference’s policy. Please review the hotel cancellation policy at the time you make your reservation.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Thanks to our generous sponsors, the Superconference is offering up to eight (8) registration scholarships for which application may be made until June 21, 2024. These scholarships will reduce the registration fee to the rate applicable to “Government Employees and Students” for the Thursday/Friday program and make the Wednesday afternoon program available at no cost. Eligible applicants are full-time employees of registered nonprofit organizations whose job duties directly relate to environmental law and/or policy. Please include in your email application the following information: (1) your name; (2) whether you have received a Superconference scholarship previously; (3) whether you have previously attended Superconference; (4) the name of your organization and its nonprofit status (i.e., 501(c)(3)); and (5) a link to information about your organization. In the event more than eight eligible applicants apply before June 21, 2024, priority will be given to: (1) the first applicant from any of the same nonprofit organization; (2) applicants who have not received a previous Superconference scholarship; (3) those who have not previously attended a Superconference; and (4) those who are employees of a nonprofit organization that has not previously had a representatives attend. Interested applicants should apply and demonstrate eligibility by emailing [superconference@haynesboone.com](mailto:superconference@haynesboone.com)