

38th Annual Texas Environmental Superconference

“A STAR-SPANGLED AFFAIR”



**Thursday – Friday August 6 – 7, 2026
Four Seasons Hotel Austin, Texas**

PRESENTED BY:

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

PROMOTED BY:

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 6, 2026

7:30 am – 8:15 am

CHECK IN/ BREAKFAST

The Austin Tea Party

8:15 am – 8:45 am

OPENING REMARKS

By the dawn's early light

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

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

[Joe Pere](#), *Air & Waste Management Association, Southwest Section*

[Julie Nahrgang](#), *Executive Director*, Water Environment Association of Texas

[Danny G. Worrell](#), *ABA Section of Environment, Energy & Resources*

[Lisa Dyar](#), *Chair*, Environmental & Natural Resources Law Section, State Bar of Texas

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MODERATOR: [Cindy Bishop](#), *President*, C. Bishop Law PC

8:45 am – 9:45 am

SUPREME COURT UPDATE

Men are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights.

[John Cruden](#), *Principal*, Beveridge & Diamond PC

[Bob Percival](#), *Professor of Law and Director, Environmental Law Program*, University of Maryland

9:45 am – 10:15 am

CASE LAW UPDATE

Facts are stubborn things

[James E. Smith](#), *Shareholder*, Crain Caton & James

10:15 am – 10:30 am

BREAK

MODERATOR: [Ty'Meka M. Reeves-Sobers](#), *Partner*, Clifford Chance

10:30 am – 11:15 am

WATER ISSUES

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure

[Jeremy Mazur](#), *Director of Infrastructure & Natural Resource Policy*, Texas 2036

[Lynn Sherman](#), *Partner*, Jackson Walker

11:15 am – 12:15 pm

TEXAS COASTAL ISSUES

From sea to shining sea

[Jim Blackburn](#), *Outside Counsel*, Gulf Coast Protection District

[Mike Irlbeck](#), *Director Business Development*, EPCOR

Erik Eriksson, *former Chief Legal Officer*, Port of Houston Authority

12:15 pm – 1:10 pm

LUNCH

As thick as hasty pudding

MODERATOR: [Anne Austin](#), *Founder*, Austin Legal & Public Affairs

1:10 pm – 1:30 pm

REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR WELCOME

This land is your land; this land is my land.

[Scott Mason](#), *Regional Administrator*, EPA Region 6

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave

[Ashleigh K. Myers](#), *Partner*, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP

[Shai Sahay](#), *Partner*, Bracewell LLP

[A.J. Wissinger](#), *Partner*, Reed Smith LLP

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- 2:30 pm – 3:15 pm **TCEQ/EPA CHAT**
United we stand, divided we fall
Chat Leader: [Stephanie Bergeron Perdue](#), Partner, Baker Botts LLP
Kelly Keel, Executive Director, TCEQ
Stacey Dwyer, Deputy Regional Administrator, EPA Region 6
- 3:15 pm – 3:30 pm **BREAK**
MODERATOR: [Pam Giblin](#), Senior Policy Advisor, Climate Leadership Counsel
- 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm **AIR QUALITY**
Give me liberty and give me breath
Terry Salem, Staff Attorney, TCEQ
[Jordan Rodriguez](#), Shareholder, Winstead PC
Parker Wilson, Vice President of Regulatory Law, Valero
- 4:30 pm – 5:15 pm **ENFORCEMENT**
Don't tread on me
Jeff Hall, Assistant Administrator, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, EPA (Invited)
[J. Amber Ahmed](#), Of Counsel, Beveridge & Diamond
- 5:15 pm – 5:20 pm **CLOSING REMARKS**
The price of freedom is eternal vigilance
- 5:20 pm – 6:00 pm **RECEPTION**
O Say Can You Drink

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FRIDAY AUGUST 7, 2026

- 7:30 am – 8:15 am **BREAKFAST**
The time is now near at hand...
- 8:15 am – 8:30 am **OPENING REMARKS**
These are the times that try men’s souls
MODERATOR: [Peter T. Gregg](#), *Founding Member, Gregg Law PC*
- 8:30 am – 9:30 am **OIL PATCH**
The shot heard round the world
Betsy Peticolas, *Environmental Attorney, RRC*
[David Terry](#), *Counsel, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP*
Cari-Michel La Caille, *Director, Office of Water, TCEQ*
- 9:30 am – 10:30 am **CLIMATE**
Learn to think continentally
[Jim Blackburn](#), *Chairman of the Board and Founder, BCarbon*
[Aaron Ramcharan](#), *Associate, Baker Botts LLP*
[Patrick Runge](#), *Partner, Burke Law Group*
- 10:30 am – 10:45 am **BREAK**
MODERATOR: [Jason A. Hill](#), *Partner, Holland & Knight LLP*
- 10:45 am – 11:30 am **CHEMICAL AND PRODUCT REGULATION**
The British are coming...
[Cynthia Stroman](#), *Partner, King & Spalding LLP*
[Clarissa Mills](#), *Partner, Haynes and Boone LLP*
- 11:30 am – 12:15 pm **ADMINISTRATIVE LAW UPDATE**
Reason and free inquiry are the only effectual agents against error
Linda Secord, *Attorney at Law*
[Eric Groten](#), *Senior Partner, Vinson & Elkins LLP*
- 12:15 pm – 1:15 pm **LUNCH**
Waste not, want not
- 1:15 pm – 1:30 PM **SBOT ENRLS MEETING**
Let us dare to read, think, speak and write

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MODERATOR: [Steve Morton](#), Attorney, The Morton Law Firm, PLLC

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

AI AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness

[Tracy Hester](#), Co-Director, Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Law Center, University of Houston Law Center

[Glenn C. Clingenpeel](#), Deputy General Manager, Trinity River Authority of Texas

[Patricia Peterson](#), Vice President of Claims, TLIE

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

ETHICS AND LOBBYING

Associate with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation

[Denise Davis](#), Partner, Davis Kaufman PLLC

Sam Gammage, State Government Affairs Director, Dow

[Rep. Brooks Landsgraf](#), Texas State Representative – District 81

3:30 – 3:35 pm

CLOSING REMARKS

Let Freedom Ring

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“YANKEE DOODLE DATA”

Wednesday August 5, 2026
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WEDNESDAY AUGUST 5, 2026

- 3:45 pm to 4:00 pm **CHECK IN**
- 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm **WELCOME**
- 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM Wednesday evening's program will focus on the environmental and energy challenges of data centers, with speakers from the government, private practice and NGOs. Program specifics are to be announced shortly.