**Wednesday, November 20**

**Morning**

8:00 – 12:00 Registration  
*Lone Star Salon F-H, 3rd Floor*

9:00 – 12:00  
*Lone Star Salon F-H, 3rd Floor*

**PLENARY SESSION I**

*Welcoming Remarks*

**John Sullivan**  
*NACWA President*  
Chief Engineer  
Boston Water & Sewer Commission  
Boston, MA

*Opening Remarks*

**Greg Meszaros**  
Director  
Austin Water  
Austin, TX

*2019 Seminar Overview*

**Hilary Meltzer**  
Co-Chair, NACWA Legal Affairs Committee  
Chief, Environmental Law Division  
New York City Law Department  
New York, NY

*Roundtable Discussion*

**Climate and Resiliency: Legal Considerations**

This panel will focus on discussion of potential liability arising from impacts from climate change and developing solutions to this new area of risk and responsibility.
Moderator

Adam Link
Director of Operations
California Association of Sanitation Agencies
Sacramento, CA

Participants

Dan McLawhorn
Senior Associate City Attorney
Raleigh Water
Raleigh, NC

Jon Mueller
Vice President for Litigation
Chesapeake Bay Foundation
Baltimore, MD

Karen Hansen
Principal
Beveridge & Diamond, P.C.
Austin, TX

Matt Edling
Partner
Sher Edling LLP
San Francisco, CA

10:30 – 10:45 Networking Break

10:45- 12:00 Roundtable Discussion
Lone Star Salon F-H, 3rd Floor

Hot Topics in Construction Contracts and Procurement: Design Scope, Delivery Methods, Schedule, Indemnity, Dispute Resolution and Beyond

This session will feature a panel of construction and procurement experts who will discuss a variety of risks utilities face and provide concrete suggestions for addressing those risks through the contract and procurement processes. Public procurement and contracting professionals are becoming increasingly sophisticated in their understanding and application of methods to achieve best value by balancing multiple factors; this evaluation goes beyond consideration of traditional factors such as cost, quality, risk to include public policy values and goals. This panel will explore strategic use - and the limitations - of public procurement and contracting tools in promoting green, social and innovation policies and provide valuable tips for both utility attorneys and managers to achieve a successful outcome. The panel will also provide tools and strategies to protect public entities when construction projects do not go as planned including presenting evidence in construction related litigation.
Moderator

Emily Jackson
Co-Chair, NACWA Legal Affairs Committee
General Counsel
Metro Wastewater Reclamation District
Denver, CO

Participants

Keith Richardson
Partner
Kilpatrick, Townsend & Stockton, LLP
Atlanta, GA

Richard Lewis
Member
Steptoe & Johnson PLLC
Charleston, WV

Laurin Quiat
Partner
Baker Hostetler
Denver, CO

Brian Louie
Assistant Departmental Engineer, Wastewater Management Department
Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
Whittier, CA

Linda Hanifin Bonner
Executive Operations Manager
Water Design Build Council
Edgewater, MD

Afternoon
12:15 – 1:30
Luncheon Address
Griffin Hall, 2nd Floor
Opening Remarks

Adam Krantz
Chief Executive Officer
National Association of Clean Water Agencies
Washington, DC

EPA's Clean Water Act Enforcement Priorities and Policy Initiatives

Susan Bodine
Assistant Administrator
Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance
US Environmental Protection Agency
Washington, DC
1:30 – 4:00
Lone Star Salon F-H
Foyer, 3rd Floor

**Registration**

1:45 – 5:00
Lone Star Salon F-H, 3rd Floor

**PLENARY SESSION II**

**Regulatory Roundtable**

What do EPA, state regulators, and environmental groups view as the most important clean water legal and regulatory issues? How do those compare to the clean water sector’s priorities? Where do we align? What do each see as the appropriate balance between compliance assistance and enforcement? What is the future of Supplemental Environmental Projects? This discussion is a must for any clean water attorney or utility manager wanting to better understand the perspectives and priorities—both competing and complimentary—of those who regulate and enforce.

*Moderator*

**Erika Powers**  
Partner  
Barnes & Thornburg LLP  
Chicago, IL

*Participants*

**L’Oreal Stepney**  
Deputy Director  
Office of Water  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
Austin, TX

**Julia Anastasio**  
Executive Director and General Counsel  
Association of Clean Water Administrators  
Washington, DC

**Mark Pollins**  
Director, Water Enforcement Division  
Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance  
US Environmental Protection Agency  
Washington, DC

3:30 – 3:45

**Networking Break**

3:45 – 5:00
Lone Star Salon F-H, 3rd Floor

**Roundtable Discussion**

Top CWA Enforcement and Permitting Developments of the Year

*(Closed to Press & Regulators)*

This roundtable discussion will evaluate the latest trends in permitting and enforcement including consent decrees.
Moderator
Nathan Vassar
Principal
Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C.
Austin, TX

Participants
Paul Calamita
Chairman
AquaLaw PLC
Richmond, VA

Lou McMahon
Partner
McMahon DeGuilus LLP
Cleveland, OH

Debra Baker
Partner
Baker Wotring LLP
Houston, TX

J. Tom Boer
Partner
Hunton Andrews Kurth, LLP
San Francisco, CA

Closing Remarks/ Announcements
Hilary Meltzer
Co-Chair, NACWA Legal Affairs Committee

**Evening**
6:00 – 7:00
**Beer, Boots & BBQ Reception**
Lone Star East Foyer, 3rd Floor
Beer, boots, and barbeque – what more could you ask for? Tonight’s reception will be filled with good times, good food, and some of the best locally brewed beer in town. Come on down and join the fun!

**Thursday, November 21**
**Morning**
8:00 – 12:00  Registration
JW Grand West Foyer

9:00 – 12:00  **PLENARY SESSION III**
JW Grand Salon 1-4  Opening Remarks
Emily Jackson
Co-Chair, NACWA Legal Affairs Committee
**Keynote Address**

The Supreme Court and the Clean Water Act: Looking Forward by Looking Back

Beginning with Train v. City of New York in 1974, the U.S. Supreme Court has decided almost thirty Clean Water Act cases, addressing some of the most important legal issues arising under the Act to the some of the more mind-numbing. As we anticipate the Court’s future consideration of the Trump Administration’s recent repeal of the Obama Administration’s Clean Water Rule, it is a good time to consider the Court’s past and future impact on the Clean Water Act’s administration over the past five decades.

**Richard Lazarus**  
Howard J. & Katherine W. Aibel Professor of Law  
Harvard Law School  
Cambridge, MA

9:45 – 10:00  Networking Break

10:00 – 12:00  **Roundtable Discussion**

**JW Grand Salon 1-4**

Compliance Options to Meet Water Quality Standards

In theory, Clean Water regulators and the public water utility sector have many options to comply with Water Quality Based Effluent Limits such as Use Attainability Analyses (UAAs), variances, compliance schedules, integrated planning, and Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs). How accessible are these tools? What are the impediments to widespread implementation? For CSO communities finishing long-term control plans, what will be required to show compliance and how can and should these tools be utilized? This panel will explore the pros, cons, and practical realities of these tools.

**Moderator**

**Bethany Card**  
Director, Environmental and Regulatory Affairs  
Massachusetts Water Resources Authority  
Boston, MA

**Participants**

**LaJuana Wilcher**  
Partner  
English Lucas Priest Owsley, LLP  
Bowling Green, KY

**Fredric Andes**  
Partner  
Barnes & Thornburg LLP  
Chicago, IL

**Devon Goodrich**  
Senior Counsel  
New York City Department of Law  
New York, NY
Afternoon
12:00 – 2:00 Lunch on Your Own

1:45 – 4:00 Registration
JW Grand West Foyer

2:00 – 5:00 PLENARY SESSION IV
JW Grand Salon 1-4 Opening Remarks
Hilary Meltzer
Co-Chair, NACWA Legal Affairs Committee

2:00 – 3:30 Roundtable Discussion
JW Grand Salon 1-4 Top CWA Legal Developments of the Year
(Closed to Press & Regulators)
Central to your job as a clean water attorney is understanding the impact that court decisions from around the country will have on the obligations of your clients. But how can you keep track of all the various court cases and figure out which ones are truly important? Not to worry, NACWA has you covered! This roundtable of top clean water lawyers will review the most important court decisions and CWA legal developments of the past year and provide critical insights for both clean water attorneys and managers on how these issues could affect your utility.

Moderator
Hilary Meltzer
Co-Chair, NACWA Legal Affairs Committee

Participants
Sam Brown
Partner
Hunton Andrews Kurth, LLP
San Francisco, CA

Allan Gates
Attorney
Mitchell Williams
Little Rock, AR

Chris Pomeroy
President
AquaLaw PLC
Richmond, VA
**Erica Spitzig**  
Attorney  
Taft Stettinus & Hollister, LLP  
Cincinnati, OH

3:30 - 3:45  
Networking Break

3:45 - 5:00  
**Ethics**  
*JW Grand Salon 1-4*  
This session will use hypothetical scenarios to explore common ethics issues for in-house attorneys, such as confidentiality. Join us to learn the latest on essential ethics questions and learn how to avoid common pitfalls.

**Thomas Spahn**  
Partner  
McGuireWoods, LLP  
Tysons, VA

**Closing Remarks/ Announcements**  
**Emily Jackson**  
Co-Chair, NACWA Legal Affairs Committee

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**Evening**  
6:00 – 7:00  
**Live Music Capital Reception**  
*Congress Avenue Terrace, Rooftop Level*  
Austin isn't called the Live Music Capital of the World for nothing. Join us tonight for the ultimate Austin experience. Live music will be performed by Jordan Matthew Young - an artist based out of Austin who has toured internationally and shared the stage with some of the best in American Rock and Blues including ZZ Top.

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**Friday, November 22**  
**Morning**  
8:30 - 10:30  
**Registration**  
*JW Grand Salon 1 Foyer*

9:00 – 12:00  
**PLENARY SESSION V**  
*JW Grand Salon 1-4*  
**Opening Remarks**  
**Amanda Waters**  
General Counsel  
National Association of Clean Water Agencies  
Washington, DC
**Primer**

PFAS 101: A Technical, Regulatory, Legal, and Legislative Overview of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances

PFAS are in the national spotlight and there is a rush to regulate these substances ahead of the science and risk assessments. Understanding the complexities of PFAS regulation and management has become essential for the clean water sector. This program will provide the legal and technical introduction necessary to better understand these chemicals, the sources, and the potential risks.

**Sarah Wightman**  
Associate  
Marten Law  
Seattle, WA

**Christine Jochim**  
Shareholder  
Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck LLP  
Denver, CO

10:15 – 10:30  
Networking Break

10:30 – 12:00  
Panel Discussion  
**Panel Discussion**  
**The Ripple Effect of Regulatory Uncertainty: A Deeper Dive into the Challenges and Risks Posed by PFAS**

This panel will cover the current state of play as well as short and long-term challenges and strategies associated with regulating these substances. What is EPA’s action plan and how will Congress shape regulation? What are states doing to regulate PFAS in the absence of federal direction? How will the clean water sector be impacted and what can and should be done to handle this evolving area of risk and liability.

**Moderator**  
**Jeff Kray**  
Partner  
Marten Law  
Seattle, WA

**Participants**  
**Daniel Grucza**  
Counsel  
Hunton Andrews Kurth, LLP  
Atlanta, GA

**Stephen Kuplicki**  
Operations Manager - Industrial Waste Control & Analytical Lab  
Great Lakes Water Authority  
Detroit, MI
Jeffrey Longsworth  
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Washington, DC

Allyn Stern  
Of Counsel  
Beveridge & Diamond, P.C.  
Seattle, WA

Closing Remarks/Adjourn  
Amanda Waters  
NACWA