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A Timely Intensive One-Day Program on

Environmental Justice

*Advancing Environmental Justice through governmental policies,
program implementation and project review*

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Agenda

9:00 Pacific Time: Introduction & Overview

Maia D. Bellon, Esq., *Program Co-Chair*
Cascadia Law Group ~ Seattle, WA

Millie Piazza, Ph.D., *Program Co-Chair;*
Environmental Justice & Title VI Senior Advisor
Washington State Department of Ecology ~ Lacey, WA

9:15 Environmental Justice: What It Is and Why it Matters

Origins of the movement and the road to justice

Robin Morris Collin, Esq., *Norma Paulus Professor of Law*
Willamette University College of Law ~ Salem, OR

9:45 Break

10:00 Policy Development in Washington State

Legislative developments and the Environmental Justice Task Force Recommendations Final Report

The Hon. Rebecca Saldana, (D) *District 37, Deputy Majority Leader*
Washington State Senate ~ Olympia, WA

David Mendoza, Esq., *Director of Public Advocacy and Engagement*
The Nature Conservancy ~ Seattle, WA

10:45 Online Mapping Tools for Considering Environmental Justice

EPA's EJSCREEN mapping tool, and how EPA uses the tool to inform their work (online demonstration)

Tai Lung, *EJSCREEN Program Manager*
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ~ Washington, DC

The Washington Department of Health's Environmental Health Disparities Map (online demonstration)

Esther Min, *Environmental Health Lead*
Front and Centered ~ Seattle, WA

Applying Environmental Justice mapping in grant programs: Case study of the Department of Ecology Air Program's Volkswagen Enforcement Action Grants

Brett Rude, *Environmental Planner*
Washington State Department of Ecology ~ Lacey, WA

12:15 Lunch Break

1:30 Nexus of Environmental Justice and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

How Title VI is a foundational tool to achieving Environmental Justice goals

Phyllis J. Barney, Esq., *Assistant Attorney General*
Washington State Attorney General's Office ~ Olympia, WA

2:00 Implementation at the Local Level

Advancing Environmental Justice through equitable strategic investments and collaborative community partnerships

Mami Hara, ASLA, AICP, *General Manager and CEO*
Seattle Public Utilities ~ Seattle, WA

2:30 Environmental Justice Analysis Practices at the Federal Level

Core concepts and emerging practices in addressing environmental justice in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process

Suzi Ruhl, Esq., MPH, *Assistant Clinical Professor & Senior Research Scientist*
Yale School of Medicine ~ New Haven, CT

3:00 Break

3:15 A Look into the Future for Navigating the Environmental Justice Landscape

Tips for preparing for implementation of Environmental Justice law and policy

Clifford Villa, Esq., *Associate Professor of Law*
University of New Mexico School of Law ~ Albuquerque, NM

3:45 Implementation at the State Level

Transportation projects have long incorporated environmental justice and disproportionate impact analysis for major projects: Key concepts and challenges in Environmental Justice analysis and environmental review

Alberto J. Valentin, Esq., *Community Engagement & Environmental Justice Manager*
Washington State Department of Transportation ~ Olympia, WA

July 2019 marked the first-time environmental justice requirements and guidance were included in an Ecology permit: Progress and lessons learned on Environmental Justice in Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permits

Abbey Stockwell, *Municipal Stormwater Senior Planner*
Washington State Department of Ecology ~ Olympia, WA

Back to the Future: Tips for infrastructure and other project developers as they think about the issues to expect and the best ways to respond those issues as they arise

Bookda Gheisar, *Senior Director, Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion*
Port of Seattle ~ Seattle, WA

5:00 Evaluations and Adjourn

Who Should Attend

Attorneys, governmental regulatory officials, land use planners, consultants, real estate and environmental professionals

About the Conference

As Environmental Justice takes center stage aiming to eliminate environmental and health disparities in Washington State, practitioners, lawyers, project proponents, and governmental entities are navigating a quickly evolving policy and regulatory landscape.

The recent Environmental Justice Task Force Report to Governor Inslee and the Legislature recommends a comprehensive approach to prioritizing Environmental Justice in Washington State through a range of actions including adoption of a definition of Environmental Justice to application of an Environmental Health Disparities Map to identify Environmental Justice communities when reviewing proposed projects, conducting rulemaking and policy development, and implementing grant programs. These recommendations have spurred action at the Washington State Legislature and across state government.

In addition, local governments have stepped up to address disproportionate environmental and health impacts in overburdened and underserved communities. At the national level, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is doubling down on its commitment to honoring Environmental Justice principles and practices.

We have organized an intensive program that will cover the nuts and bolts of Environmental Justice, legislative developments, governmental actions, case studies, and online demonstrations of mapping tools. Please join us at this cutting-edge virtual conference with dynamic practitioners sharing their experience and expertise at the national, state, and local level.

~ Maia D. Bellon, Esq. of Cascadia Law Group and
Millie Piazza, of Washington State Department of Ecology, Program Co-Chairs

Registration & Other Conference Information

Tuition: Regular tuition for this program is \$695 with a group rate of \$625 each for two or more registrants from the same firm. For government employees, we offer a special rate of \$520. For students, people in their job for less than a year, and public interest NGO's, our rate is \$347.50. All rates include admission to all program sessions and course materials.

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Faculty

Maia D. Bellon, Program Co-Chair, is a partner at Cascadia Law Group. She served as Director of the Washington State Department of Ecology from 2013 through 2019. At Cascadia she focuses her practice in the areas of climate change, air quality, water resources, water quality, toxics cleanup, and Tribal law.

Millie Piazza, Ph.D., Program Co-Chair, is Environmental Justice & Title VI Senior Advisor at the Washington State Department of Ecology. In this role, she works to integrate environmental justice (EJ) priorities into agency programs, address state EJ challenges, and advance nondiscrimination best practices for Civil Rights compliance. She has broad experience in national and international environmental justice, and currently serves on the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council to EPA, WA Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities, and the University of Washington Superfund Research Program External Advisory Board.

Phyllis J. Barney is an Assistant Attorney General in the Ecology Division of the Washington State Attorney General's Office.

Robin Morris Collin is the Norma Paulus Professor of Law Willamette University College of Law. She was the first US law professor to teach sustainability courses in a US law school and served as the founding chair of the legislatively created Oregon Environmental Justice Taskforce.

Bookda Gheisar is Senior Director, Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion at the Port of Seattle. Before coming to the Port, she served as a Policy Advisor for King County's Office of Equity and Social Justice. She has also served as the Executive Director of multiple philanthropic organizations, each committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Mami Hara, ASLA, AICP, is General Manager and CEO of Seattle Public Utilities. She also is Board Chair of the US Water Alliance, a board member of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, a founding member of the Water Agencies Leadership Alliance, and the founder of the Green Infrastructure Leadership Exchange.

Tai Lung is EJSCREEN Program Manager for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. He leads EPA's efforts on EJSCREEN, a mapping and screening tool that combines environmental and demographic data to highlight areas with potential environmental justice concerns. Prior to joining EPA, he served as an Environmental Education Extension Agent in Senegal with the Peace Corps.

David Mendoza is the Director of Public Advocacy and Engagement at The Nature Conservancy. He previously served as the Director of Legislative and Government Affairs for Front and Centered, a Washington statewide coalition of organizations rooted in communities of color and people with lower incomes focused on Environmental Justice. He also serves on the state Environmental Justice Task Force.

Esther Min is the Environmental Health Lead for Front and Centered, supporting evidenced-based and data-driven work across Front and Centered programs. She brings experience developing Environmental Justice maps and supporting community-driven research with communities, for communities.

Brett Rude serves as Washington's senior policy consultant for oversight and implementation of the federal Volkswagen settlement in Washington State. As Lead Planner, he provides leadership, guidance, and management support on policy and program development, setting strategic goals and objectives consistent with federal consent decrees, trustee guidance, and legislative direction. Brett has provided technical expertise on policy and program development related to clean fuels and low emission vehicles since 2005.

Suzi Ruhl, MPH, is an Assistant Clinical Professor & Senior Research Scientist at the Yale School of Medicine. She previously served as Senior Counsel for the U.S. EPA Office of Environmental Justice, where she served as Co-Chair of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Committee of the Federal Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice (EJIWG), Co-Chair of the Rural Communities Committee of the EJIWG, and as Chair of the Subcommittee on Place Based Efforts for the EJIWG.

The Hon. Rebecca Saldana, (D) District 37, is Deputy Majority Leader in the Washington State Senate. Before being elected to serve in the Senate, she served as the Executive Director for Puget Sound Sage, a nonprofit that promotes affordable and equitable housing and transportation policies, Environmental Justice and workers' rights. She is vice chair of the Senate Transportation Committee, and also sits on the Labor, Commerce & Tribal Affairs Committee and the Human Services, Reentry & Rehabilitation Committee.

Abbey Stockwell is the Municipal Stormwater permit lead at the Washington State Department of Ecology. She received her master's degree from Humboldt State University in Natural Resources Planning - where she focused on policy barriers to implementation of Low Impact Development. Prior to moving to Washington, she worked as a county planner and coordinated the Phase II municipal stormwater program.

Alberto J. Valentin, is the Community Engagement & Environmental Justice Manager for the Washington State Department of Transportation. He formerly served as the Department's Environmental Justice & Civil Rights Lead, focusing on avoiding disproportionate distribution of environmental risk by transportation (including negative health, social and economic effects) on low income & minorities communities in Washington.

Clifford Villa is an Associate Professor of Law at the University of New Mexico School of Law. He teaches and writes in the areas of constitutional rights, environmental law, and environmental justice. He also serves as a supervising attorney in the UNM clinical law program. Before joining UNM, he taught as an adjunct professor at Seattle University and spent more than 20 years as an EPA attorney in D.C., Denver, and Seattle. Among other publications, he is the lead author and editor of ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE: LAW, POLICY & REGULATION (3rd ed. 2020).