

## Sustainable Energy Initiative Update

### Utility 2.0

As noted in our last newsletter, New York's REV proceeding is one of the highest profile efforts to develop new regulatory and business models for the U.S. electric industry, but it certainly is not the only one. If you have limited time, or want just a wide-angle view of what's happening, "The Future of the Utility Industry and the Role of Energy Efficiency" by Steven Nadel and Garrett Herndon, published in June 2014 by the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy does an excellent job of summarizing the work to-date from more than 50 other sources and also includes studies on projected growth rates by region, using more aggressive rates of energy efficiency than the EIA projections. The report can be downloaded at: <http://www.aceee.org/research-report/u1404>. For a comprehensive consideration of rate structure reform for utilities addressing increased penetrations of distributed energy resources, see Regulatory Assistance Project's website, [www.raponline.org](http://www.raponline.org) to download "Designing Distributed Generation Tariffs Well: Fair Compensation in a Time of Transition" by Carl Linvill, John Shenot and Jim Lazar. And to review a presentation on the project in which GW Law's SEI is participating, the Minnesota e21 Project, see: <http://www.lec.leg.mn/2014/081414e21.pdf>. GW Law's SEI is part of the public-private energy industry collaborative leading Minnesota's, e21 Initiative. You can review a presentation on the Initiative here: <http://www.lec.leg.mn/2014/081414e21.pdf>. And be sure to check out some of the media's coverage on the issue as well.

### Our Curriculum

#### *The New Line Up*

The TV networks aren't the the only organizations introducing new smash hits this fall! GW Law is happy to announce that in addition to its extensive environmental offerings, we have expanded our introductory energy law course from a 2 credit to 3 credit offering, taught by Professor Emily Hammond, and added three new energy law seminars, bringing the total to ten energy law courses. Student interest in energy continues to be very strong, with over 80 students enrolled across our four fall courses, so we anticipate that the new offerings will permit students with a strong interest in energy to explore multiple facets of the industry. During the Fall 2014- Spring 2015 school year, our students can select from any of the following nine courses:

- Energy Law & Regulation (introductory course, Hammond)
- Atomic Energy Law (Abemathy, Brown)
- Oil & Gas Law (Hammond)
- International Project Finance (DeMasi)
- Regulation and Trading of Energy and Environmental Commodities and Derivatives (seminar, Malyshev, Waldman)
- Electricity Systems in Transition: A Comparative Review (seminar - international focus, Dobriansky)
- The US Electric System & Sustainability (seminar, Attanasio)
- Electric and Natural Gas Regulation (seminar, Sheridan, Yaffee); and
- Environmental and Energy Law Practicum (through which students work in conjunction with outside organizations to research and address real-world issues).

Our very popular Energy & the Environment course, is "on sabbatical" this Spring, but will be offered again in the future.

## *Cheers and Thank You to Our Energy Adjunct Professors*

In our last newsletter we welcomed new faculty and fellows. But as a GW alum mentioned yesterday, one of the incredible things about GW is that it brings real-world experiences, issues, and connections into the classroom. That's in large part due to the amazing, dedicated team of professorial lecturers in law, or "adjunct professors," who take time from their busy careers to share their knowledge with our students. So, many thanks to our energy law adjuncts: Chip Abernath, Larry Brown, Deborah DeMasi, Larisa Dobriansky, Anne Finken, Debra Jacobson, Peter Malyshev, Christian McMurray, Bob Nordhaus, Ben Nussdorf, Sue Sheridan, Doug Smith, Dan Waldman, and David Yaffee.

## *The Nuclear Regulatory Commission Hosts Students*

Some adjuncts bring the real-world into the classroom, but Professor Larry Brown brings the classroom into the real world! He writes: For the second year, my course has gone "off-site" and held class at NRC's Atomic Safety Licensing Board (ASLB) Hearing Room. The visit to NRC included presentations by NRC Commissioner Ostendorff, attorneys from NRC Office of General Counsel, the ASLB Judges and law clerks.



*From right to left, top row: Chief ALJ Judge Roy Howkins, ASLB Senior Law Clerks Kathleen Schroeder (GW JD 2013), Nicholas Sciretta (Georgetown JD 2013), Matthew Zogby (GW JD 2013), Judge Paul Bollwerk, GW Adjunct Professor Larry Brown; right to left bottom row: Senya Wass (GW LLM candidate), Jacques Erffmeyer (GW JD candidate), Bandar Altunisi (GW JD candidate), Ary Dib Dias (GW LLM candidate), Ross Ladau (GW JD candidate), Alexander Matthews (UVA JD candidate), Arthur Farnin (GW JD candidate), and Kaitlin Sweeney (attorney at NEI).*

## Upcoming Events

**October 2:** GW Law will host and co-sponsor with the Energy Bar Association (EBA), a seminar on NERC Compliance & Enforcement for Practitioners. The program will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Jacob Burns Moot Court Room at GW, 2000 H St NW, Washington D.C. A reception will follow. For more information and to register, visit the EBA website at [www.eba-net.org](http://www.eba-net.org).

**October 2:** Environmental Law Institute will hold a book launch reception for the new book, Next Generation Environmental Compliance and Enforcement edited by Associate Dean Lee Paddock and former Visiting Professor and Environmental Law Fellow Jessica Wentz. Professor Rob Glicksman contributed a chapter to the book. The event, to be held in GW's Faculty Conference Center, will feature a presentation by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Assistant Administrator Cynthia Giles who leads EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance. (Registration closed.)

**October 29-30:** Distributed Sun, a Washington, D.C.-based solar developer, owner and operator is holding its second annual Solar Summit on October 29 and 30 at House of Sweden in historic Georgetown. The focus of this year's event will be the transition of the solar industry from one-off projects to the tapping of secondary markets. For more information on this invitation-only event, please contact Joshua Sturtevant, J.D. '11, at [josh@distributedsun.com](mailto:josh@distributedsun.com).

**November 4-5:** GW Law is proud to again be a marketing co-sponsor of EBA's Mid-Year Meeting. It will be held at the Renaissance Hotel, 999 Ninth St. NW, Washington DC. The full program can be found on the EBA website, <http://www.eba-net.org/2014-mid-year-conference>. The special rate on the hotel room reservation block closes October 6 and Early Bird registration closes October 15. So, act now! Tickets for the Charitable Foundation of the Energy Bar Association's Gala and Silent Auction, to be held on November 4, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., are available at: <http://www.eba-net.org/12th-annual-cfeba-silent-auction-and-gala>.

## Publications

In addition to Next Generation Compliance and Enforcement (see October 2 event, above), congratulations to GW Law Professor Rob Glicksman on his contribution to the American Bar Association's new book, International Environmental Law: The Practitioner's Guide to the Laws of the Planet (R. Martella Jr. & B. Grosko eds., 2014). Professor Glicksman wrote the chapter on Natural Resource Management and Protection. You can read more about this new publication on the ABA's website.

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