CAROLINA LAW’S CENTER FOR CLIMATE, ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMICS (CE3) has two interrelated missions. First, the center is expanding opportunities for Carolina Law students to develop a deep understanding of the critical energy and environmental challenges of the day through research, new courses, externship opportunities, moot court competitions and scholarships. Second, the center is informing public policy and private sector decision-making at the state and federal levels through non-partisan, objective analysis. We begin our projects by engaging stakeholders in government, business and communities to identify pressing energy and environmental issues. CE3 then utilizes students, faculty, and center staff to provide analysis and identify innovative legal responses.

Student Opportunities

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
CE3 serves as a center for environmental and energy legal research, providing both paid and unpaid projects for law students on cutting-edge issues. In addition to the core Environmental and Energy Law classes, courses offered include Natural Resources, Environmental Justice, International Environmental Law, Coastal Law, Environmental Law Practice and Policy and semester-long internships in Washington, D.C., Atlanta and Chapel Hill. A full-tuition scholarship is provided to one incoming student each year. Students may also join the Environmental Law Project. This student-run organization provides additional learning opportunities and works with the environmental and energy law faculty to publish pieces in the materials accompanying North Carolina’s largest environmental, energy and resource law continuing legal education program. Students can also participate in environmental and energy moot court teams, and work on environmental topics with various journals.

“When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the universe.”
—JOHN MUIR

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CE³ hosts nationally-recognized leaders from government, non-profits and the private sector to speak on topics related to law, policy and governance in the areas of climate, energy and the environment.

CURRENT PROJECTS

- **Valuing Renewable Energy.** As the U.S. electricity sector continues to evolve, numerous states are reconsidering how they value renewable energy. These changes could have long-term impacts on the growth of wind and solar energy. CE³ is evaluating the current policies and challenges that impact the role of renewable energy by hosting workshops on “Law, Policy, and the Future of Solar Financing” and “The Value of DER Think-In.”

- **Powershift.** A joint collaboration between the Harvard Environmental Policy Initiative, the Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions at Duke University and CE³, Powershift brings together academics, utilities, regulators and other policymakers to explore the legal, policy and economic implications of the rapidly changing electricity sector.

- **Future Directions for Climate Policy.** While regulatory priorities may change, the need to engage with future directions for climate policy continue. Whether at the federal level, state level, or with individual stakeholders, CE³ continues education and engagement efforts around the future of climate policy.

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