About

THE UNC SCHOOL OF LAW CENTER FOR CLIMATE, ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMICS (CE3) engages law students in the intersection of climate, energy law, environmental law and economic development. Students are often invited to assist and participate in workshops in these areas. CE3 collaborates with other academic units at UNC and other schools, and also works with law firms with environmental and energy law specialties, environmental public interest firms, and state and federal environmental, energy, and regulatory agencies.

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. Classes offered include the Practice of Environmental Markets, Interagency Environmental & Energy Cooperation, Environmental Justice, 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 has hosted Christine Klein, Carl Bruch, Alexandra Klass, Tripp van Noppen, and Marcilynn Burke as speakers.

RECENT WORKSHOPS AND PROJECTS
In 2015 and 2016, CE³ hosted two major workshops:

- Law, Policy and the Future of Solar Financing
- Private Property, Climate Information Disclosure, and the Roles of Insurance and Government

Along with organizations from the University of Florida, the University of Georgia, and the University of South Carolina, CE³ and UNC received a $500,000 grant to examine coastal adaptation. The award from Seagrant will allow CE³, in conjunction with the North Carolina Coastal Law, Planning, and Policy Center, to examine local legal barriers to better adapting to sea level rise. CE³ will work specifically with the town of Nags Head, North Carolina, and will utilize assessments there for similar work in South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.

CE³ has worked with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Centers for Environmental Information to disseminate climate data and understand how policy can be better informed by it.

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