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ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SECTION ANNUAL SEMINAR

ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE: UPDATE & PERSPECTIVES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2015

HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL
444 ST. CHARLES AVENUE
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130

8:00-8:25 Registration
8:25-8:30 Welcome and Opening Remarks
8:30-9:30 Legal Ethics: Digital is Forever
9:45-10:45 Government Enforcement: Environmental Crimes Update
   Brett Spiers – Special Agent, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Criminal Investigation Division, Baton Rouge
   Michael Daniels – Criminal Enforcement Counsel, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Baton Rouge
10:45-11:00 Break
11:00-Noon Corporate Compliance: Environmental Consulting and Defense Strategies
   J. Michael Bowman – Baldwin, Haspel, Burke & Mayer, LLC, New Orleans
Noon-1:00 Citizen Enforcement: Tools, Successes, & Challenges
   Anne Rolfes – Executive Director, Louisiana Bucket Brigade, New Orleans
   Clay Garside – Waltzer, Wiygul, Garside, LLC, New Orleans

4 hours CLE (applied for), including 1.0 hour of Ethics

Registration Fees: Section Members $100 / Non-Members $125 / Door Registration $150
Students are free, but must register by November 5, 2015.
To register, please complete and mail the form below, with your check made payable to the LSBA Environmental Law Section, by November 5, 2015, to:

Corinne Van Dalen
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6329 Freret Street
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LSBA ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SECTION ANNUAL SEMINAR, Friday, November 5, 2015

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SPEAKER BIOS

Michael S. Walsh, Of Counsel, Taylor Porter, Brooks & Phillips L.L.P., Baton Rouge
Michael Walsh has over 30 years of experience representing individual and corporate clients in complex criminal and civil litigation and enforcement cases throughout the country. Mr. Walsh has built a practice that includes a variety of grand jury and trial matters. His practice involves public corruption, antitrust, healthcare, False Claims Act, Lacey Act, and environmental matters. Mr. Walsh currently chairs the Louisiana State Bar Association’s Criminal Law Section. Mr. Walsh has served as president of the Baton Rouge Bar Association and the Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and he has served as chairman of the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board. Mr. Walsh is an adjunct professor of law at LSU’s law school, where he teaches a course on Professional Responsibility and Ethics, and he is a frequent lecturer on ethics, professionalism, and litigation skills. Mr. Walsh graduated from Louisiana State University, Paul M. Hebert Law Center in 1983. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from LSU in 1979.

Brett Spiers, Special Agent, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Criminal Investigation Division, Baton Rouge
Brett Spiers is the Resident Agent in Charge for the U.S. EPA’s Criminal Investigation Division in Louisiana, which has consistently been the agency’s most productive resident office over the last 5 years as it relates to successful prosecutions of federal environmental crimes. Prior to joining EPA-CID, Brett served as a Senior Special Agent with the U.S. Customs Service, as a Detective with the El Paso County Sheriff’s Office in Colorado and as Military Working Dog Handler in the U.S. Air Force.

Michael Daniels, Criminal Enforcement Counsel, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Baton Rouge
Mike Daniels has 23 years’ experience as a criminal prosecutor including stints at the New Orleans District Attorney’s Office, Louisiana Attorney General’s Office and Louisiana State Police. Mike joined LDEQ in
2009 as its criminal enforcement counsel. He has been appointed as a special prosecutor in Jefferson Davis, Ascension, St. James, Evangeline, Sabine, and Orleans parishes. Mike has made numerous presentations to civic, legal and governmental organizations on environmental crimes, including Keep Louisiana Beautiful’s National Conference in 2013. He has also been an attorney advisor at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center’s Advanced Environmental Crimes Training Program.

J. Michael Bowman, Baldwin, Haspel, Burke & Mayer, LLC, New Orleans
Mike Bowman joined Baldwin Haspel Burke & Mayer in 2012, moving from Indiana where he practiced environmental law and complex litigation. Mike received a B.A. in mathematics from the University of Chicago in 1985, a M.S. in environmental engineering from Purdue in 1990 and a J.D., magna cum laude, from Indiana University – Robert H. McKinney School of Law in 2004. Prior to becoming an attorney in 2004, Mike was an environmental, health and safety manager in several large organic and inorganic chemical manufacturing and petroleum facilities, where he was responsible for every facet of compliance with air, water, hazardous waste and safety regulations, including the Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, Oil Pollution Act, RCRA, TSCA, EPCRA, CERCLA, and OSHA. As an attorney, Mike represents industry, publicly owned treatment works, and individuals in civil and criminal environmental enforcement actions and citizen suits under the CWA, CAA, RCRA, TSCA and OSHA, and helps clients negotiate or dispute environmental permits, including NPDES permits, § 404 wetlands permits, industrial pretreatment programs, PSD preconstruction permits, Title V operating permits, and floodway construction permits.

Anne Rolfes, Executive Director, Louisiana Bucket Brigade, New Orleans
Anne Rolfes, Founding Director of the Louisiana Bucket Brigade, began her career in Nigeria, collaborating with local communities to address oil industry impacts in the Niger Delta. She returned to Louisiana in 2000 and founded the Louisiana Bucket Brigade. The organization has created cutting edge tools, including the iWitness Pollution Map, and the Refinery Accident Database. Anne was born and raised in Lafayette, Louisiana. She has a Masters in International Development from Tulane. Ms. Rolfes has twice testified before Congress. Her work has been recognized by local and national awards, including the Jane Bagley Lehman Award for Public Advocacy and the Robert Wood Johnson Community Health Leader Award.

Clay Garside, Partner, Waltzer, Wiygul, Garside, LLC, New Orleans
Mr. Garside was born and raised in Mobile, Alabama where he graduated summa cum laude from Spring Hill College. In 2005, he graduated magna cum laude from Tulane Law School, where he served as an associate editor of the Tulane Law Review and received the Order of the Coif. Following law school he served as law clerk to Honorable Carl J. Barbier, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana until 2007. Mr. Garside left the federal courts to join Waltzer & Associates, now Waltzer Wiygul & Garside, where he litigates an active docket of the firm’s environmental, regulatory, commercial, maritime, and public law cases.