

## 2009 Annual Report

**Division/Section/Committee Title:** Natural Resources Energy and Environmental Law

**Date:** December 29, 2009

**Chair/Co-chairs:** Chris Schatzman, 2009 Chair

### **Activities Undertaken Since Last Report:**

- Presented CLE on “Energy Production in New Mexico—Developments, Liability and Damages” at the 2009 Annual Bar Convention at Buffalo Thunder Resort. This was a 1 hour excerpt from the 2009 annual CLE and featured two presenters.
- Contributed to a symposium in September 2009 sponsored by the UNM SOL’s Natural Resource Journal (“NRJ”) featuring Mike Connor, the Director of the Bureau of Reclamation, Department of Interior.
- Co-sponsored a mixer at the UNM SOL that facilitated law student staff of the NRJ and student members of the Environmental Law Society meeting private sector and government lawyers practicing in the areas of natural resources, energy, environmental, and water law.
- Contributed funds to sponsor NRJ’s February 2010 Symposium, “The Water-Energy Conundrum: Water Constraints on New Energy Development in the Southwest.”
- Committed to contributing funds in spring 2010 to a symposium at the UNM SOL that will deal with the role of land use covenants in environmental protection.

### **Ongoing Activities:**

- Continued to sponsor NREEL’s annual Winter CLE. The 2009 topic was “Energy Production in New Mexico—Developments, Liability and Damages” and featured 15 presenters.
- Contributed funds to the 2009 UNM SOL Environmental Law Moot Court team so that it could travel to the national competition. This is a continuation of the section’s annual practice of supporting this Moot Court team.
- Committed to contributing funds to the 2010 UNM SOL Environmental Law Moot Court Team for travel to the national competition.
- Published electronic Section Newsletter in Spring 2009. NREEL converted to electronic publication and delivery of the newsletter to Section members in 2008 to reduce costs and paper waste. Converting to electronic publication and delivery also allowed the Section to redirect funds formerly used to publish a paper newsletter to support other activities.

**Issues Requiring Board of Bar Commissioner Action: (Provide supplemental materials when applicable.)**

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