

Spring 2025 Water Law Application
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Greetings, Prospective Water Law Students,

The very brief questionnaire for this course that you'll find below invites you to share some information that I can use to build a better group experience and a better curriculum than might be possible without it. So, let me introduce the exercise by thanking you for your help!

1—If you've taken previous courses centered in natural resource law and policy (and principle and practice), which were they and when did you take them? If they were outside UT Law, please include where and when and whether they covered treaties or foreign law.

2—Please indicate whether your previous coursework in natural resource law and policy tipped more toward law or policy or did your courses tend to equalize both?

3—Have you studied takings doctrine in any previous course? If so, which and when?

4—Have you held employment in a natural resource field or done volunteer-work in any such field? Please describe.

5—If you have a preference for one or more topics you would like this course to cover, please name it or them here. (You don't need to describe; giving your wishlist a series of names should do just fine!) Examples might include: persistent drought and its effect on water rights in the West and/or the Southwest; PFAS in the public water supply; instream flows; the current law of wetlands and their future (gosh: There's so much more!).

I'll be looking for topics as to which there's a strong consensus as well as topics that can flow, as it were, from the materials we need to cover this term. And then, there's the topic that might be just too intriguing to leave behind.

6—Can you be an effective student if laptops were to be used only by those presenting on course materials at each class? Please offer your most thoughtful response. I'm still thinking this through.

Thanks again and Cheers!

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