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SYMPOSIUM EDITOR'S NOTE

I am pleased to announce that on April 9, 2010 the Water Law Review will host its 3rd Annual Water Law Review Symposium. We've titled this year's topic Water Law and Climate Change, Planning in an Uncertain Future. The symposium will offer 8 CLE credits (1 ethics credit) and will include lunch. It will be held on the University of Denver campus, at the Sturm College of Law. All are welcome!

This year we tackle an ambitious topic: water law and climate change. In planning for such an event, it would have been easy to let the discussion degenerate into an argument of whether global warming will occur. But while this argument has preoccupied much of the nation for the last few years, many water users quietly planned for a future with less water. This seems a particularly pragmatic approach, because as Ben Franklin once said, "When the well's dry, we know the worth of the water." So this year's symposium will discuss the problems and the planning that we face as our climate changes around us.

Professor Dan Tarlock from Chicago-Kent School of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology will give our keynote address. As you may have guessed, it will cover water law and climate change. Particularly, it focuses on how water law can respond and adapt to climate change. Whether it is acquisition, allocation of uses, or distribution of shortages, water law will be affected by climate change. Professor Tarlock's speech will focus on these effects, and the adaptations which water law will have to undergo.

We have many other top quality speakers lined up, and they will discuss topics ranging from the energy-water nexus to the dormant commerce clause. Our website has our full speaker list and registration information. Check it out at www.law.du.edu/index.php/university-of-denver-water-law-review/.

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