

Webinar: June 24, 2021

Armenian Bar Association

A Primer on Climate Change Law

Program Outline

Moderated by Ani Esenyan, Van Ness Feldman

- I. Introduction (Ani Esenyan, Van Ness Feldman) (5 minutes)
 - a. Welcome – a few words about the YLC webinar series
 - i. Welcome to the Armenian Bar Association Young Lawyers Committee's episode 2 of our webinar series on emerging and developing areas of law. Episode Two is about The Rising Impacts of Climate Change and the Law.
 - ii. Each webinar in this series is geared to provide introductory and useful information for new attorneys who would like to practice in an emerging area as well as for more seasoned attorneys looking to learn more and perhaps transition their practice into an emerging area.
 - iii. The next webinar will be held in July and will be on cybersecurity and data privacy.
 - iv. ...
 - b. Climate Change program overview
 - c. Brief intro of moderator and speakers
- II. Climate Change Regulation and Legal Overview (Juliya Grigoryan, Hogan Lovells) (10 minutes)
 - a. Overview of Biden Administration Climate Goals
 - i. Environmental Justice
 - b. Technology - Nuclear and Hydrogen
 - c. Climate change litigation - Juliana Case
- III. Observations from the Recent Change in Administration (Ida Anbaryan, Department of Justice, Environmental Enforcement Division) (10 minutes)
 - a. Trump v Biden: climate change policy and initiatives of the new administration
 - b. Observations about a shift in environmental enforcement cases at the DOJ
 - c. Environmental justice
- IV. Climate Change and Infrastructure Projects (Shant Boyajian, Nossaman LLP) (10 minutes)
 - a. Assessing project impacts on the local climate
 - b. Assessing impacts on the project through the life cycle – from construction to operation and future use

- c. Innovative methods to procure and deliver complex infrastructure projects
- V. Canadian Perspective (Giselle Davidian, Willms & Shier Environmental Lawyers LLP) (10 minutes)
 - a. Legal challenge to Federal Carbon Pricing and recent Supreme Court of Canada decision
 - b. Overview of climate change litigation in Canada
 - c. Climate change related risks and reporting
- VI. Panel Discussion (10 minutes)
 - a. What are some climate change trends to watch for in your practice?
 - b. How can a new lawyer get into this area of practice and what advice would you offer?
 - c. How does climate change impact other practice areas, and what obligations, if any, on lawyers in other practice areas to consider climate change in providing legal advice?
 - d. Are issues of climate change only relevant with a democrat in office or is this something that will prevail even if the administration changes?
 - e. Are there some locations that are more amenable than others to the practice of environmental law, or climate change in particular?
 - f. Other?...
- VII. Q/A (5 minutes)