Earthquakes, Nuclear Meltdowns, and Chemical Spills: Legal Responses to Disasters in the US and Asia

AN INAUGURAL CONFERENCE
of the
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW SCHOOL'S CENTER FOR ASIAN LAW

Friday, November 20, 2015
Penn Law | Silverman 147 | 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Presented by the Center for Asian Law, this groundbreaking conference will bridge the worlds of scholarship and policy by bringing together legal academics, activists, policymakers, and lawyers to discuss the Bhopal toxic chemical disaster, the Sichuan earthquake, and the Fukushima earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear meltdown.

8:30 a.m. Registration and Breakfast
8:45 a.m. Welcome | Dean Theodore Ruger
Introduction | Professor Eric Feldman
9:00 a.m. PANEL ONE | Disasters: Mapping the Legal Terrain
William Burke-White, Penn Law, Chair
Robert Rabin, Professor of Law, Stanford University: “Compensatory and Remedial Relief for Disasters in the American Legal System”
Marc Ferzan, School of Leadership and Public Policy, University of Virginia: “Catastrophic Events: State and City Challenges under the U.S. Disaster Recovery Regulatory Scheme”
John Hoffman, Acting Attorney General, State of New Jersey: “Managing the Disaster After the Disaster: Legal Issues in the Wake of Superstorm Sandy”

10:15 a.m. PANEL Two | Industrial Disasters: The Case of Bhopal
Shyam Balganash, Penn Law, Chair
Indira Jaising, Lawyer’s Collective, and former Additional Solicitor General, India: “Legal Letdown”
Marc Galanter, Professor of Law, University of Wisconsin: “Missing Deterrence: Bhopal’s Bitter Legacy”

11:30 a.m. Break

11:45 a.m. PANEL Three | Natural Disasters: The Sichuan Earthquake
Jacques deLisle, Penn Law, Chair
An Yu, Professor of Public Policy, Tsinghua University: “Responding to the 2008 Sichuan Earthquake: The Legal Issues”
Benjamin Liebman, Professor of Law, Columbia University: “Damages for Disasters in China”

1:00 p.m. Lunch

2:00 p.m. PANEL Four | Nuclear Disasters: The Fukushima Meltdown
Frank Upham, Professor of Law, New York University, Chair
Kiyoshi Kurokawa, Professor, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies: “Lessons and On-Going Issues of Fukushima Nuclear Accident”
Richard Samuels, Professor of Political Science, MIT: “3.11: Disaster and Change in Japan”

3:15 p.m. PANEL Five | Comparing Law and Disasters: Three Perspectives
Eric Feldman, Penn Law, Chair
Peter Schuck, Professor of Law, Yale University and New York University
Colonel Jerome Hartfield, Regional Administrator, Region II, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
Reilly Moore, Director, Mississippi Center for Justice

4:15 p.m. Closing Remarks

This program has been approved for 6.0 substantive CLE credits for Pennsylvania lawyers. CLE credit may be available in other jurisdictions as well. Attendees seeking CLE credit should bring separate payment in the amount of $120 ($60 public interest/non-profit attorneys) cash or check made payable to The Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania.


This event is open to the Penn Community.

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