



ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICE UPDATE 2026

ALABAMA STATE BAR ENVIRONMENTAL
LAW SECTION

June 12, 2026
Island House DoubleTree Hotel
Orange Beach, Alabama

AGENDA

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| 8:30 – 8:45 | Welcome and Introduction
Jane Calamusa, Esq, Rosen Harwood (Tuscaloosa) |
| 8:45 – 10:00 | Federal Environmental Legal and Regulatory Update: Hot Topics in Air, Land, Waste and Water
Meredith Burgess Dunn, Esq, Balch & Bingham (Birmingham)
Claire B. Johnson, Esq, Balch & Bingham (Birmingham)
Evan A. Ward, Esq, Kazmarek Mowrey Cloud Laseter (Birmingham) |
| 10:00 – 10:15 | BREAK |
| 10:15 – 11:00 | Mediation of Environmental Claims: Why These Claims are Unique and How to Use Mediation Before and After a Lawsuit is Filed
R. Cooper Shattuck, Esq (Tuscaloosa) |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | Alabama Department of Environmental Management Update
Mary-Frank Brown, Esq, Alabama Department of Environmental Management Office of General Counsel (Montgomery) |
| 11:30 – 1:00 | LUNCH |
| 1:00 – 2:00 | Alabama Ethics Laws: What Environmental Practitioners Need to Know About Lobbying and Other Ethical Rules
Thomas B. Albritton, Esq, Executive Director, Alabama Ethics Commission (Montgomery) |
| 2:00 – 2:45 | Data Center Boom: Environmental Impacts, Community Reactions, Governmental Responses, and Case Studies
Ryan Anderson, Esq, Southern Environmental Law Center (Birmingham) |

2:45 – 3:00	BREAK
3:00 – 3:45	Essential Environmental Statutes, Regulations, and Other Resources for Practitioners William S. Cox III, Esq, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings (Birmingham)
3:45 – 4:15	EPA Region 4 Update Kristy Eubanks, EPA Region 4 Deputy Regional Administrator (Atlanta)
4:15 – 5:00	What's That Smell? It Smells Like Money! Converting Landfill Gas to Renewable Natural Gas Ann Reardon, Esq, Rosen Harwood (Tuscaloosa) Chandler Williams, Esq, Rosen Harwood (Tuscaloosa)

Following the program, there will be a complimentary reception at the Island House Hotel

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