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Annual Report For Non Degree-Granting Departments, Centers & Institutes

Center for Environmental Law and Land Use Loyola University New Orleans College of Law

Note: Since its inception, CELLU has operated without staff, dedicated funding, an annual budget, or physical space. The faculty directorship is unpaid. For these reasons, CELLU does not appear to be a “center or institute” within the definition or intention of the annual report guidelines. We should really change the name (the name was chosen before the report guidelines.) Thus much of the requested information is either not applicable or beyond the capability of this unit (having no staff) to maintain. For your information, the following information is provided.

Section 1

Executive Summary

CELLU supports Loyola’s Certificate in Environmental Law program. Under this program, law students concentrate their studies in the areas of natural resources, pollution control, and land use, and receive a certificate upon graduation along with their degree. CELLU also organizes and hosts a variety of conferences, workshops, and lectures designed to educate the public and to spark collaborative efforts in research and service among academics and students. CELLU- supported research has contributed to the environmental scholarship of the law faculty. Much of its activity now centers on environmental and land-use issues associated with strengthening resilience on the Gulf Coast.

In particular, CELLU pursues these Jesuit goals: To pursue truth, wisdom, and virtue; and to work for a more just world. Offering opportunities for professional study. To educate the whole student and to benefit the larger community.

Section 2

Unit Profile

CELLU is directed by Professor Robert R.M. Verchick, who holds Loyola’s endowed Gauthier-St. Martin Chair in Environmental Law. Since its inception, CELLU has operated without staff and without dedicated funding or annual budget. The faculty directorship is unpaid. Rather, its initiatives have been staffed and funded as a series of “special projects” supported by the law school administration. The Director works with students and staff to organize and manage activities. Occasionally, other faculty members will help organize or manage individual events.
Section 3
Goals of the Current Year

CELLU plans to organize at least three speaker events for the New Orleans community, to organize a series of elective courses, taught by adjuncts, for the Environmental Certificate Program, and to support environmental scholarship by faculty.

Section 4
Budget

CELLU has no funding or annual budget.

Section 5
Assessment

CELLU has no in-house studies, external studies, or inventories. It has no formal assessment program.

Section 6
Summary of Achievements

Conferences, Lectures, and Workshops Sponsored and Supported by CELLU

2012-13


Presentations and Canoe Trip: “Protecting Ecosystem Services on the Louisiana Coast” Location: Atchafalaya Basin Attendees: Loyola law students.

“Environmental Justice and the EPA,” half-day panel program.

Courses Developed

Environmental Policy Advocacy Clinic

Criminal Environmental Enforcement

Scholarship of the Environmental Chair

CELLU does not provide financial support for faculty or student research, but its development of public events and support and organization of student and faculty research energies do contribute to environmental scholarship, which at this point is
mainly the product of the Environmental Chair. Below is a selected listing of the Environmental Chair’s environmental publications since CELLU’s founding.

Robert R.M. Verchick

*Protecting the Coast, in The Law of Adaptation to Climate Change: United States and International Aspects* (ABA Publishing) (Michael B. Gerard and Katrina Kuh, eds., 2012) (with Joel Scheraga)


*Fairness in the Bay: Environmental Justice and Nutrient Trading in the Chesapeake, -- 2012* (with co-authors). Prepared for the Center for Progressive Reform.

Karen Sokol

The Possibility of Climate Manufacturing and the Need for Global Governance in *The Global Community Yearbook of International Law & Jurisprudence; Global Trends: Law, Policy & Justice Essays in Honour of Professor Giuliana Ziccardi Capaldo at 563* (Oxford University Press; M. Cherif Bassiouni et al. eds., 2013)

Section 7

Supporting Documents

N/A