

**Introduction by Prof. A. Dan Tarlock,
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The Chicago-Kent College of Law has been an innovator in environmental law and energy teaching, scholarship and outreach to the profession. In the mid-1980s, the law school developed one of the first certificate programs in the country to specialize in environmental and energy law [PEEL]. From the very beginning, the program differed from other schools which were developing concentrations in environmental law. The original director of the program, Stuart Deutsch, who later served as dean of Rutgers-Newark, realized that environmental and energy problems were inextricably intertwined. Thus, from the very beginning PEEL gave equal weight to exposing students both to the basic environmental regulatory problems as well as to complex and ever changing world of energy policy and law. In 1991, Professor Fred Bosselman, a distinguished land use and environmental law, joined the faculty, and ultimately anchored the energy side of the program. His co-authored casebook, *ENERGY, ECONOMICS, AND THE ENVIRONMENT*, has defined modern energy law.

The publication of the Journal of Environmental and Energy Law marks another innovation in the program. It has long been a goal to have a student run journal, and the current editors have fulfilled this goal. This student journal will be published exclusively on line and will be a major source of environmental and energy law scholarship. It will feature a wide range of articles from outstanding student papers to peer reviewed submissions, and it will bring it this useful scholarship quickly to the profession and the academy. On behalf of the law school and the Program in Energy and Environmental Law, I am pleased and honored to introduce you to this useful forum for environmental and energy scholarship. Please book this site immediately.