Environmental and Natural Resources lawyers practice in a number of private and public sectors and interact at all levels of government. Environmental lawyers practicing “traditional” environmental law represent clients attempting to navigate or shape—or governments seeking to craft and implement—a wide range of laws related to clean air, clean water, hazardous waste, endangered species, and other resources. Environmental lawyers may engage in litigation, transactional law, and regulatory compliance counseling. Natural Resources lawyers are similarly concerned with the administration of laws aimed at managing the nation’s natural capital, from biodiversity, to forests, to fisheries, to wetlands, to water, among a variety of other resources. Both federal and state governments provide vast opportunity to practice these areas of law, as the fifty states often emulate the environmental regulatory regimes seen at the federal level. Furthermore, private entities and the business sector are becoming increasingly engaged in both shaping and complying with a growing body of environmental and natural resources law and policy. If you are interested in these areas of law, Professors Hudson, Costonis, and Richards would be happy to discuss your interests, course selections, and career options.

Core Courses and Seminars

5402 Administrative Law (best taken Fall of the 2L year)  3 cr.  Fall & Spring
5411 Introduction to Environmental Law    3 cr.  Spring
5895 Natural Resources Law & Policy (seminar)   3 cr.  Fall
5413 International Environmental Law 3 cr.  Fall
5414 Climate Change Law  3 cr.  Fall

Recommended Courses and Seminars

5220 Energy Law and Regulation  2 cr.  Fall & Spring
5800 Toxic Torts  3 cr.  Spring odd years
5731 Legal Aspects of Coastal Areas  2 cr.  Fall
5896 Administrative and Environmental Law Practice Seminar  2 cr.  Spring
4266* ENVS: Ocean and Coastal Law and Policy  3 cr.  Spring

Related Courses and Seminars

5412 Land Use Planning (Urban Planning)  2 cr.  Fall
5806 Urban Land Use and Development Seminar  2 cr.  Spring
5805 Energy Law Seminar  2 cr.  Fall
5421 Constitutional Law II 3 cr.  Fall & Spring
5309 Common Law Property  3 cr.  Fall & Spring
5603 Federal Courts  3 cr.  Fall & Spring
5650 Federal Complex Litigation  3 cr.  Spring

* Taught at the LSU School of the Coast and Environment

† Please consult the schedules for current course availability. Courses offered this year may or may not also be offered next year, as some courses are only offered in alternating years.