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Sent: Fri 8/25/2017 1:00:49 PM
Subject: RE: Environmental Law Institute | Speaker Invitation

Hi Samuel,

I'm available.

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Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 8:31 PM
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Hi Patrick & Samantha

Just checking in to see if you're interested and available to join the ELI conference and panel in D.C. on Dec. 4? Thanks! – Sam

From: Brown, Samuel L.
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 8:02 PM
To: Traylor, Patrick
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Hi Patrick,

Of course.

In terms of the panel's format, I think we have two options: (1) each of you speaks on a topic(s)

with a slide deck and we leave 15 minutes at the end for Q&A; or (2) I prepare a list of questions on relevant topics and I ask each of you questions in a more informal conversation format. In my experience, I enjoy moderating panels that use the latter format. Using that format I think we can convey the same information, but the panels tend to be more interesting, with increased audience attention. That being said, I defer to your preference, either way works for me.

In terms of substance, the working title of the panel is: *EPA Regulatory Reform and Enforcement Trends: What Does the Future Hold?* Bottom line, I think most people outside the Agency are curious about the change(s) in direction of this EPA from the prior Administration on certain subject matter and the practical implications. For example, for this panel, in the context of enforcement, what are EPA's enforcement priorities; are there plans to modify the existing NEIs; what is the fate of the prior administration's focus on next generation compliance; etc. In the context of policy/regulatory reform, EPA's thoughts on the comments received as part of the regulatory reform efforts per Exec. Order 13777; what action item(s) have resulted/will result; thoughts on reform on how EPA conducts rulemaking/considers science; are there any planned organizational/institutional reforms; and, generally, an update on the priorities of the Trump Administration and Administrator Pruitt.

Bottom line is folks would love to hear from both of you, and the scope of the subject matter covered should only be what you're comfortable covering, so we can tailor the subject matter to fit your preferences. For example, if we use the latter format above, I would draft a set of questions and then have you screen them for sensitive subject matter that you don't want to cover as part of the panel and conversation.

In terms of the ELI event, other panels will cover (i) waters of the United States; (ii) citizen suits; (iii) State implementation: issues and opportunities; (iv) emerging issues in water quality; (v) stormwater and eNGO-related litigation; (vi) water transfers and the Second Circuit opinion; among other issues. There are other confirmed and invited EPA speakers (from OGC, OW, and Regions), other federal agencies (*e.g.*, Corps), and state agencies (*e.g.*, Ben Grumbles, Maryland, Secretary of the Environment; Michael Lauffer, Chief Counsel, California State Water Resources Control Board; Tom Johnson, Solicitor General, West Virginia; and Basil Seggos, Commissioner, New York State, Department of Environmental Conservation), in addition to the private sector and academia.

I hope that gives you a better sense of the panel and the event. Please let me know if you have additional question or if you'd like to chat on the phone. I hope it works out that you're both able to participate and I look forward to working with you.

Samantha, FYI, my colleagues Rod Hastie and Joe Stanko were going to extend the invitation to you. After speaking with Rod, it appears they had not reached out yet, so I apologize if this conversation is coming out of the blue.

Thanks! – Sam

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Sam:

Would you mind giving us some more information on how you'd like the panel to work and what you might want us to cover?

Best,

Patrick

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Hi Patrick,

I am reaching out because I am helping to plan the Environmental Law Institute's (ELI) conference on the Clean Water Act (CWA) on December 4-5 in Washington D.C. ELI sponsors this event every year and I've been involved for some time. It is for private and public sector professionals experienced in the CWA (not an introductory-level conference).

I am putting together a panel on *EPA Regulatory Reform and Enforcement Trends: What Does the Future Hold?* I was hoping you could join this panel on Monday, December 4. I will be the moderator. The other folks invited to the panel are:

- Samantha Dravis, AA, EPA Office of Policy.
- Mark Ryan, Ryan and Kuehler (former EPA attorney for 25+ years).

It would be great if you could join the panel to discuss enforcement. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like more information on the event.

Thanks! – Sam

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