



ABA Annual Meeting – Honolulu, Hawaii

Sunday, August 6, 2006

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort
Honolulu Suite 1, Tapa Conference Center

You are invited to a Reception honoring

*Professor Oliver A. Houck**

Individual Recipient

and

*University of Hawai'i, William S. Richardson
School of Law –
Environmental Law Program*

Institutional Recipient

of the

*2006 ABA Award for Distinguished Achievement
In Environmental Law and Policy*

Name _____

Affiliation _____

Tel. _____ Fax #: _____ E-mail _____

YES, I will attend the ceremony and reception on Sunday, August 6.

NO, I cannot attend, but the following individual will attend in my place.

Name/Affiliation _____

**Please complete and RETURN this form by July 21, 2006 to:
Mary Jordan Mullinax – Fax 202/638-3844**

* *Professor Houck is scheduled to appear via videotape.*

**TULANE LAW PROFESSOR OLIVER A. HOUCK RECEIVES AMERICAN BAR
ASSOCIATION AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT
IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY**

The ABA Standing Committee on Environmental Law and the ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources are pleased to announce that environmental law professor Oliver A. Houck is the 2006 recipient of the *American Bar Association Award for Distinguished Achievement in Environmental Law and Policy*. Unable to attend the ABA Annual Meeting, Professor Houck received the honor at an ABA national conference in June. He also is scheduled to appear at the August reception via videotape, and will be honored in absentia at a reception at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort on Sunday, August 6 at the ABA Annual Meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii. Professor Houck was nominated by Georgetown University Law Center professor Richard Lazarus. The Awards event is open to all Annual Meeting attendees.

The ABA recognizes Professor Houck for his outstanding contributions as an environmental public interest lawyer. While focusing attention on the environment and natural resources of the New Orleans area, he also has been active nationally, serving on the boards of the Environmental Law Institute and Defenders of Wildlife and on committees of the National Science Foundation and Environmental Defense. He has written over 80 scholarly publications and has received numerous awards in recognition of his pioneering work in environmental law and policy, including honors as Louisiana's Conservationist of the Year and an Excellence in Teaching Award from Tulane University. This 2006 award is particularly timely in light of Professor Houck's three decades of tireless environmental protection efforts for the Bayou Region, including a series of articles written in 1982 detailing a potential Gulf flood scenario that came to pass last Fall. His involvement with environmental infrastructure and New Orleans reconstruction includes extensive work through legal, political and educational channels. His most recent article, "Can We Save New Orleans?" recently was published in the *Tulane Environmental Law Journal*. One of our nation's foremost legal scholars, he has inspired a generation of law students, lawyers, and professors with path-breaking ideas, engaging prose, and sheer passion.

"Professor Houck has made tremendous contributions to environmental law and policy, including in the critical area of ecological risk analysis. Throughout his career, he has contributed a vital voice for sound environmental planning and has been ahead of his time in his analyses of environmental challenges," states Standing Committee chair R. Kinnan Golemon.

Established in 2000 by the ABA Standing Committee on Environmental Law and co-sponsored by the ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources, this Award recognizes individuals, organizations and programs that have distinguished themselves in environmental law and policy, contributing significant leadership in improving the substance, process or understanding of environmental protection.

The ABA Standing Committee on Environmental Law <http://www.abanet.org/publicserv/environmental> is devoted to examination and analysis of emerging environmental law and policy issues; development of ABA policy positions in environmental law; and facilitation of ABA environmental law programming and policymaking. The mission of the ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources <http://www.abanet.org/environ/> is to be the premier forum for strategies and information for environmental, energy, and resources lawyers. The Section is committed to providing member and public services to enhance professional skills, development, and dialogue. With more than 400,000 members, the American Bar Association is the largest voluntary professional membership association in the world. As the national voice of the legal profession, the ABA works to improve the administration of justice, promotes programs that assist lawyers and judges in their work, accredits law schools, provides continuing legal education, and works to build public understanding around the world of the importance of the rule of law in a democratic society.

For more information about the Award or the August 6 event, contact Elissa Lichtenstein at elissa@staff.abanet.org or 202-662-1695.

**UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, WILLIAM S. RICHARDSON SCHOOL OF LAW –
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW PROGRAM
TO RECEIVE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION AWARD
FOR DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY**

The ABA's Standing Committee on Environmental Law and Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources are pleased to announce that the Environmental Law Program (ELP) of the William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i, is the 2006 recipient of the *American Bar Association Award for Distinguished Achievement in Environmental Law and Policy*. Denise Antolini, Director of the ELP, will accept the award at a reception at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort on August 6 at the ABA Annual Meeting in Honolulu, Hawai'i. The event is open to all ABA Annual Meeting attendees. The Environmental Law Program was nominated by alumna Lea Hong of Honolulu's Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing.

Since 1988, the ELP has provided leadership in development of sound environmental law and policy for Hawai'i through classroom and clinical education as well as through serious encouragement of and support to its student body. Its nationally and internationally recognized faculty have contributed tremendously to the thoughtful management and regulation of the natural resources that make Hawai'i unique. Among its broad range of accomplishments, the "Community OutReach and Education" component has improved access to justice, student service opportunities, and student grants to support scholarship and conference participation. Other programs and accomplishments have included, but are not limited to, environmental justice programs helping communities to effectively participate in legal processes; an environmental law web site offering access to all environmental laws, statutes, regulations and state and federal cases affecting Hawai'i; videos to help communities and individuals participate more effectively in government processes; a colloquium series; a Student Paper Series and Student Scholarship Online Series providing a forum for student work to international audiences; and a "Key Hawai'i Statutes Project" highlighting key environmental statutes with links to supplemental resources.

"The William S. Richardson School of Law is a leader in environmental legal education. Its Environmental Law Program is celebrated not only for its educational and scholarly components, but also for training generations of environmental lawyers to serve their communities," states Standing Committee chair R. Kinnan Golemon.

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