

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SECTION
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Executive committee meetings were held as follows:

September 27, 2006: The committee voted on the 2006–2007 slate of officers and committee chairs.

March 17, 2007: The committee voted on nominations received for the 2007 Clyde Fisher Award.

Section meetings and main programs were held as follows:

September 27, 2006: The section honored Tom Harrison with the Clyde Fisher Award and Beth Griffin of Lawyers Concerned Lawyers gave a presentation on assistance programs for attorneys.

October 19, 2006: Greg Sharp and Aimee Hoben gave a presentation on the recent changes to the federal Army Corps of Engineers Programmatic General Permit. The section also passed a resolution honoring Dan Lufkin as Connecticut's first Commissioner of Environmental Protection.

November 21, 2006: Gina McCarthy, Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), gave a presentation regarding the DEP's regulatory and legislative priorities for the 2007 Legislative Session.

December 18, 2006: The section held its annual holiday party at Spris restaurant in Hartford.

January 25, 2007: Senator Bill Finch, co-chairman of the Joint Committee on the Environment, addressed the section on the top environmental priorities facing the General Assembly this session.

February 28, 2007: Ann Catino, co-chair of the Brownfields Task Force, presented the task force report to the sections and discussed the issues involved

March 28, 2007: Joint meeting with the Connecticut League of Conservation Voters with a panel discussion of Connecticut's response to global climate change issues, featuring our moderator, Russ Brenneman, and panelists Assistant Attorney General Kim Massicotte, DEP Commissioner Gina McCarthy, and former Environment Committee Chair Jessie Stratton.

April 26, 2007: Joint meeting with the Planning and Zoning Section with presentation regarding regulations of large on-site sewage treatment systems, featuring Oswald Inglese, director, Water Permitting and Enforcement Division of Department of Environmental Protection and Jennifer Perry Zmijewski, sanitation engineer, Water Permitting and Enforcement Division.

May 17, 2007: Deborah Brown, Region I enforcement manager within the Office of Environmental Stewardship, gave a presentation on EPA's current enforcement initiatives.

May 30, 2007: Joint meeting with CGA and CBIA with Professor Dan Esty presenting a discussion of his recent book *Green to Gold: How Smart Companies Use Environmental Strategy to Innovate, Create Value, and Build Competitive Advantage*.

Other Business: The section co-sponsored a CLE seminar with EPA regarding key environmental Issues in US EPA Region I in Boston on May 8, 2007.