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**THE IMPLICATIONS OF A
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Sponsored by the *Sustainable
Development Law & Policy* Publication and
the Center for Human Rights and
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FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2005
9:00 AM – 1:15 PM
ROOM 603

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As part of Washington College of Law's long-standing commitment to international human rights and to the rule of law, WCL established the **Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law** in 1990 to work with students, faculty and the international legal community to provide scholarship and support for human rights initiatives around the world. The Center is dedicated to creating opportunities for students, practitioners and activists through training, complementary education, outreach, workshops & conferences, and research & publications.

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The United Nations recently declared 2005 to 2015 the International Decade for Action "Water for Life." In honor of this new decade of water, the Sustainable Development Law & Policy ("SDLP") Publication and the Center for Human Rights will present a half-day conference focusing on the debate about whether there should be a human right to water.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

4:30PM – 6:00PM, Room 603

Movie Screening – *Thirst: A Documentary* by Alan Snitow and Deborah Kaufman

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

8:30 AM – 9:00AM

Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 AM – 9:10 AM

Welcome Remarks

Melanie Nakagawa and Kirk Herbertson – Editors-in-Chief, *Sustainable Development Law and Policy*

9:10 AM – 10:30 AM

Is There a Human Right to Water?

Panelists:

Karin Krchnak – Director of International Water Policy, The Nature Conservancy

Salman Salman – Lead Counsel, Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Development and International Law Group of the World Bank Presidency, The World Bank

Steven Tullberg – Lawyer for International Indigenous Rights

Moderator:

Hadar Harris – Executive Director, Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, WCL

10:45AM – 12:15 PM

Water Conflicts and the Effects of a Human Right to Water

Panelists:

Reid Chambers – Partner; Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Enderson, and Perry, LLP

Prof. Fredrick Lorenz – University of Washington, Seattle

Marcos Orellana – Senior Attorney, Center for International Environmental Law

Moderator:

Prof. David Hunter – Director, Program on International and Comparative Environmental Law, WCL

12:15PM – 1:15 PM

Lunch

Introduction:

Dan McNamee – Student Advisory Board, Center for Human Rights & Humanitarian Law

Keynote Speaker:

Ambassador John McDonald – Institute of Multi-Track Diplomacy and Global Water

Ambassador McDonald served as US Coordinator during the previous UN Decade on Drinking Water and Sanitation.

Closing Remarks:

Kristen McGeeney – Publications Manager and Senior Articles Editor, *Sustainable Development Law & Policy*