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9:00 a.m.—Welcome

Peter Byrne, Georgetown University Law Center
Paul Edmondson, National Trust for Historic Preservation

9:15 a.m.—Federal Regulations and Rulemaking
- National trends in weakening federal preservation and environmental laws
- Updates on National Register Proposed Rule

Sharee Williamson, moderator, National Trust for Historic Preservation
Carol Shull, National Park Service (retired)
Kelly Yasaitis Fanizzo, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
Valerie Grussing, National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers
Erik Hein, National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers

10:15 a.m.—Break

10:45 a.m.—Legal Tools for the Built Environment
- Update on Opportunity Zones
- Legacy Businesses as a Model Program
- Success Stories from Philadelphia
- Conservation Districts
- Amendments to local preservation ordinances

William J. Cook, Esq. moderator
James Lindberg, National Trust for Historic Preservation
Heather Buethe, National Trust Community Investment Corporation
Mike Buhler, San Francisco Heritage
Matt McClure, Ballard Spahr
Noon — Lunch and Lecture
  • Attacks on the Antiquities Act

  Mark Squillace, University of Colorado

1:00 p.m. — Religious Properties
  • Introduction to preservation issues in religious properties
  • Discussion of current First Amendment issues

  Anne Nelson, moderator, National Trust for Historic Preservation
  Betsy Merritt, National Trust for Historic Preservation
  Robert Tuttle, George Washington University Law School
  Tad Heuer, Foley Hoag

2:00 p.m. — Break

2:30 p.m. — Managing Climate Change
  • Climate Change Impacts to Historic Resources
  • International Perspective on Climate Change and Cultural Resources
  • Evolving Legal Issues in Climate Change Litigation

  Peter Byrne, moderator, Georgetown University Law Center
  Sara Bronin, University of Connecticut School of Law
  Cale Jaffe, University of Virginia
  Brenda Ekwurzel, Union of Concerned Scientists

3:00 p.m. — Break

3:45 p.m. — Legal Trends in Historic Preservation
  • Challenges and Opportunities for Historic Preservation

  Peter Byrne, Keynote, Georgetown University Law Center
  Randall Mason, University of Pennsylvania
  Matt McClure, Ballard Spahr
  Tom Mayes, National Trust for Historic Preservation

4:45 p.m. — Reception