

# *The Law and Climate Change*

## *Fall 2009 Syllabus*

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<b>Instructor:</b>	William H. Haak
<b>Text:</b>	There is no casebook for this class. Individual cases are cited below. These cases should be thoroughly reviewed prior to the class meeting indicated.
<b>Class Meetings:</b>	Friday, October 23, 2009, from 4pm until 9:30pm (Room TBA) Saturday, October 24, 2009, from 9am until 5:30pm
<b>Final Exam:</b>	The final exam will be take-home. Exams will be distributed at the end of class.
<b>Attendance:</b>	Given that this is a “Flex Course”, no absences are permitted.

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## **Lecture Outline and Case Assignments**

- **Introduction to Climate Change and an Overview of the Climate Change Debate**
- **History of International Legal Efforts to Address Climate Change**
- **The Current International Climate Change Regulatory Scheme**
  - The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
  - The Kyoto Protocol
- **Climate Change and the United States – Overview of the Legal Framework**
- **Climate Change and the Clean Air Act**
  - Read *Massachusetts v. EPA*, 127 S. Ct. 1438 (2007)
- **Climate Change and Environmental Law (*non-Clean Air Act*)**
  - The Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975
  - The National Environmental Policy Act
  - The Endangered Species Act
  - Regional, State, and Local Regulatory Efforts
- **Corporate and Private “Voluntary” Responses to the Climate Change Problem**
- **Emissions Trading**
- **Natural and Technological Approaches to Reducing/Controlling Greenhouse Gas Emissions**
  - The Safe Drinking Water Act and Underground Sequestration
- **Civil Remedies Related to Climate Change Damages**
- **The Future of the Law and Climate Change**