The Environmental Law Program Presents

Lorraine Akiba and Thomas Gorak of the Public Utilities Commission

Thursday, October 16, 2014
12:30-1:30pm at WSRSL Moot Courtroom

The Environmental Law Program is pleased to welcome Lorraine Akiba and Thomas Gorak. Ms. Akiba serves as a PUC Commissioner. She previously headed the Environmental Practice Groups as a partner at McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP and Cades Schutte Flemming & Wright LLP. Thomas Gorak serves as counsel to the PUC. He has practiced in a number of legal fields and has done extensive research on the Natural Gas industry.

The PUC has the responsibility of regulating “all chartered, franchised, certificated, and registered public utility companies that provide electricity, gas, telecommunications, private water and sewage, and motor and water carrier transportation services in the State.” This presentation will focus on an overview of the PUC and its role in a renewable energy future. We will look at some pending dockets, upcoming plans, and finish by discussing the roles young attorneys can play in this ever transforming field.

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