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[February 8-9 | University of Puerto Rico Law School](#)

The ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources is excited to announce our upcoming conference at the University of Puerto Rico Law School in San Juan. Join us as we tackle the challenges of disaster preparedness and the implementation of recovery and resilience initiatives at the federal, state, and local levels.

And here's the best part – we have an exclusive deal for Puerto Rico residents! Use the code **Resident20off** during registration to receive a 20% discount on the conference.

Distinguished panels of experts from across the nation will explore high-impact subjects, including:

The Role of Government in Disaster Response: Lessons Learned

- **Lisa Garcia**, Regional Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 2, New York, NY
- **Manuel Laboy**, Executive Director, Central Office of Recovery, Reconstruction, and Resiliency, Guaynabo, PR
- **Craig Pritzlaff**, Director, Office of Compliance and Enforcement, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Austin, TX
- **Luis E. Rodriguez Rivera**, (Moderator), Professor, University of Puerto Rico School of Law, San Juan, PR

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Resilience After the Storm: Practical Guide to Post-Disaster Recovery: What Comes Next?

- **Adi Martínez Román**, (Moderator), Board President, University of Puerto Rico Law School Resiliency Law Center, San Juan, PR
- **Edil Sepúlveda Carlo**, Senior Research Scientist, Greenbelt, MD
- **Hector Velez**, Caribbean Disaster Recovery Officer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 2, Guaynabo, PR

A New Dawn: Disasters as Drivers to Energy Transformation

- **Agustín Carbó**, Director of the Puerto Rico Grid Recovery and Modernization Team, U.S. Department of Energy, San Juan, PR
- **Lillian Mateo Santos**, Associate Commissioner, Puerto Rico Energy Bureau, San Juan, PR
- **Javier Rúa-Jovet**, (Moderator), Chief Policy Officer, Solar & Energy Storage Association of Puerto Rico (SESA), San Juan, PR
- **Ruth Santiago**, Attorney, White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council, Salinas, PR

Biodiversity and Community Resilience in the Aftermath of Disasters

- **Keenan Adams**, PhD, Forest Supervisor, El Yunque National Forest, USDA Forest Service, Rio Grande PR
- **Lawson Fite**, (Moderator), Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt, Portland, OR
- **Erin Greten**, Baker Donelson LLP, Washington, DC
- **Edwin Muñiz**, Former Field Office Supervisor, Caribbean Ecological Services Field Office, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Boquerón, PR

Breaking into a Career in Environmental Law

- **Jeffery Dennis**, Deputy Director for Transmission Development, Grid Deployment Office, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC
- **Verónica González-Rodríguez**, Environmental Law Professor, UPR Faculty of Law, San Juan, PR
- **Kyle Landis-Marinello**, Senior Legal Counsel, Vermont Electric Power Company
- **Suzette Melendez-Colón**, Assistant Regional Counsel, US Environment Protection Agency, Region 2, San Juan, PR
- **Lee Nogué** and **Lia Sophia Di Fiore Tavárez Cortés**, (Moderators), L3s, Interamerican University Law, Puerto Rico

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The conference will provide ample networking opportunities throughout the day, plus a bonus optional Friday morning Community Resiliency Field Trip to the Condado Lagoon Estuarine Natural Reserve. We hope you will join us for an engaging and informative conference!

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