

# CITIES & CLIMATE CHANGE

Outlining roles played by the laws & policies of cities and other municipalities in addressing the unique calamities faced by urban populations.

## **EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS**

How can urban centers respond to and mitigate the consequences of extreme weather events like hurricanes, wildfires, and flooding?

## **HEAT ISLAND EFFECT**

Urban areas are uniquely vulnerable to rising temperatures and extreme heat events. What options do municipal government have to keep the population cool?

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# ADAPTATION & RESILIENCE

Exploring what the future could look like for cities and urban populations regarding climate change, examining the role of policymakers and lawyers in creating that future.



# CITIES, CLIMATE JUSTICE, & THE LAW

Discussing the role of policymakers and practicing attorneys in ensuring that principles of environmental justice guide governmental action relating to the environment.

## **VULNERABLE POPULATIONS**

Due to structural inequality relating to racism and classism, many of the world's urban populations are particularly vulnerable to the effects of climate change. How can policymakers move to protect these vulnerable populations? What role do lawyers play in centering vulnerable populations? What are the "best practices" for attorneys working in environmental justice?

## **THE UNEQUAL COST OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

Many environmental policy solutions have the potential to have an outsized negative impact on underrepresented and underprivileged populations. How can or does government respond to and prevent these issues? How can policymakers make green solutions available for everyone?

## **URBAN LAND USE LAW**

The law and politics of land use figure heavily into adaptation and resilience efforts. How should governmental and non-governmental actors, including practicing attorneys, respond to this?

## **URBAN ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE CHANGE**

Cities are uniquely vulnerable to climate change. What does this mean for the future of urban population centers? What effective strategies do cities have to increase resiliency? What are the best practices for attorneys representing classes such as public housing residents during this era of transformation?

## **HOW CAN EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES REDUCE A CITY'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT?**

What makes a smart city? Green energy? Interconnectivity? Increased access to technology? How can interconnectivity and technology other than green energy impact climate change? What about data and privacy concerns? What about accessibility for low income, disabled, and other marginalized folks?

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