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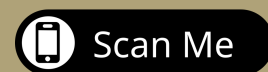
# WORKSHOP ON **CORPORATE CLIMATE LIABILITY** COMPARATIVE LEGAL INSIGHTS



**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2026**  
**9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

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Ricketson Law Building  
Room 165 & Online





8:30 - 9:00

**Registration**

9:00 - 9:15

**Welcome Remarks**

9:15 - 9:50

**Keynote Address**

### ***Achieving corporate accountability for climate action through climate litigation***

The Hon. Justice Brian J Preston

Chief Judge of the Land and Environment Court of New South Wales (Australia)

9:50 - 10:10

**Break**

10:10 - 12:00

**Panel 1**

*From Fiduciary Duties and Disclosure Frameworks to Climate Liability*

### ***A Comparative Study of Plausibility of Greenwashing Litigation under Voluntary ESG and Climate-Related Disclosure Frameworks***

Priya Kumari

Assistant Professor, VIT-AP School of Law (India)

Pranav Anand Ojha

Assistant Professor, VIT-AP School of Law (India)

### ***Climate Litigation, Banks and Money: Towards a New Trend***

Riccardo Aquilini

Adjunct Professor, Università del Piemonte Orientale (Italy)

### ***Fiduciary Climate Duties: Emerging Pathways for Corporate and Financial Accountability***

Alessandra Lehmen

Professor of Law, University of Caxias do Sul (Brazil)

**TBD**

Allison Herren Lee

Adjunct Professor; Senior Research Fellow Institute for Corporate Governance and Finance, New York University School of Law



12:00 - 1:00

Lunch

1:00 - 2:15

Panel 2

*Rethinking Causes of Action in  
Corporate Climate Litigation*

### ***Strategic Climate Litigation against Major Corporate Emitters in Europe: Filling the Regulatory Gap?***

Christina Eckes

Professor of European Law, University of Amsterdam (The Netherlands)

Philipp Paiement

Professor of Law & Governance in the Anthropocene, Tilburg Law School (The Netherlands)

### ***De-chartering Carbon Majors in Delaware***

James R. May

Richard S. Richter Distinguished Professor of Law, Washburn University

### ***Corporate Climate Litigation in East Asia: Civil Law Heritage and Environmental Law Pathways***

Hao Zhang

Associate Professor of Law, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

2:15 - 2:30

Break

2:30 - 3:45

Panel 3

*Human Rights as a Catalyst for  
Corporate Climate Accountability*

### ***Corporate Climate Liability and Strategic Litigation Against Public Participation in the Energy Transfer-Greenpeace Cases Arising from Opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline***

Jackie Dugard

Senior Lecturer, Political Science, Institute for the Study of Human Rights, Columbia University

### ***Inter-Judicial Climate Governance and Corporate Conduct: The Influence of International and Human Rights Courts on Corporate Climate Obligations***

Dan Ziebarth

Doctoral Researcher, Wageningen University (The Netherlands)



***Beyond Courts? Corporate Climate Liability and Access to Remedy in the Global South***

Puspa Pokharel

Ph.D. Candidate, The University of Hong Kong

3:45- 4:00

Closing Remarks

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