

CASA Law Symposium 2026
Thursday, May 28, 2026 | Marriott Marquis San Francisco
Preliminary Program (4/9/26): Subject to Change

Thursday, May 28

8:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Registration**

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Morning Session**

9:30 – 9:45 a.m. **CASA Welcome**

Moderator: Michelle Chester, Somach Simmons and Dunn LLP

- Adam Link, CASA

9:45 – 10:45 a.m. **WOTUS in a Name?** *Sackett, San Francisco*, and the Shifting Tides of Permitting and Funding at the U.S. Supreme Court

Moderator: Peter McGaw, Buchalter PC

- Yvonne West, State Water Resources Control Board
- Drew Silton, Beverage & Diamond
- Amanda Aspatore, National Association of Clean Water Agencies

10:45 – 11:00 a.m. **Networking Break**

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **From Discovery to Global Action:** The Evolution of PFAS Litigation and Policy

Moderator: Ken Sansone, SL Environmental

- Rob Bilott, Taft Stettinius & Hollister, LLP

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. **Luncheon**

1:00 – 1:15 p.m. **Networking Break**

1:15 – 2:15 p.m. **Rate-ing the Future:** Proposition 218, Mega-Projects, and Affordability

Moderator: Nicholas Whipps, San Francisco City Attorney's Office

- Lora Nichols, Fieldman, Rolapp & Associates
- Michael Colantuono, CHW Law, PC
- Lutfi Kharuf, Best Best & Krieger, LLP

2:20 – 2:30 p.m. **Networking Break**

2:30 – 3:30 p.m. **Artificial Intelligence, Real Discipline:** Second Generation A.I. Policies for Counsel and Avoiding the Pitfalls of Generative Law

Moderator: Annalise Blum, Public Policy Institute of California

- Michelle Galloway, Cooley, LLP

3:30 – 3:40 p.m. **Networking Break**

3:40 – 4:50 p.m. **One Water to Rule Them All:** Navigating the Water Quality Intersection of Urban Runoff and Rural Discharge

- Patrick Palupa, R5 Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Nathan Gardner-Andrews, National Association of Clean Water Agencies
- Tess Dunham, Kahn Soares & Conway, LLP

4:50 p.m. **Closing Remarks**

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. **Symposium Reception**