

The Watching Justice Distinguished Speakers Series presents

**Creative Undermining of Environmental Protections
in the Bush Administration:
A Conversation with Experts on the Environment
and Natural Resources Division**

April 7, 2005, 9:30am – 11:00am
National Press Club, Zenger Room
529 14th Street, NW
Washington, DC

The Bush Administration has been accused of taking an anti-environmental approach, not only through changes in law and regulation, but by failing to appeal adverse court rulings and agreeing to generous settlements with industry plaintiffs. This highly experienced panel will discuss the current Environment and Natural Resources Division (ENRD), exploring whether or not ENRD is using creative mechanisms to roll back vital environmental protections “under the radar.” Based on their own experience in federal environmental agencies or as advocates, the panel will analyze governmental activities in this critical area and discuss the pros and cons of current and alternative strategies.

Speakers will include **Lois Schiffer**, former Assistant Attorney General of Environment; **Jim Simon**, former Deputy Assistant Attorney General of Environment; **Joel Gross**, former Chief of the DOJ Environmental Enforcement Section; **Heather Sibbison**, former Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General of Environment and in the Department of the Interior; and **Douglas Kendall**, Executive Director of Community Rights Counsel.

Breakfast will be served. Please RSVP by Tuesday, April 5 to Mary Anne Anderson at manderson@osi-dc.org or (202) 721-5640.

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