

# Interdisciplinary Water Resources Seminar GRAD592

Fall 2016 Theme:

*Topics in Western Water Law*

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BSB Room 103

## The Law of the Colorado River - Scarcity Sparks Innovation

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### Biography:

Anne Castle is a Senior Fellow, focusing on western water issues at the Getches-Wilkinson Center for Natural Resources, Energy, and the Environment at the University of Colorado. From 2009 to 2014, she was Assistant Secretary for Water and Science at the U.S. Department of the Interior where she oversaw water and science policy and had responsibility for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Geological Survey. While at the Department of Interior, Castle spearheaded the Department's WaterSMART program, which provides federal leadership on the path toward sustainable water supplies. She was the driving force behind the 2010 federal MOU addressing sustainable hydropower, the largest, least respected, and most vilified form of renewable energy in the country. Castle also provided hands-on leadership related to Colorado River issues, was the Chair of the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group and a champion of Minute 319 between the U.S. and Mexico.



### Abstract:

The Colorado River has always been known for its superlatives - the hardest working river in U.S., the most iconic landscapes in the West, and now, one of our resources most threatened by climate change. Growing population, increasing temperature, and decreased run-off have already created a supply/demand imbalance and further pressures are anticipated. This a pivotal time for the river and those who use its water. How do we deal with decreased supplies when the water is already over-subscribed, and how can we provide water to sustain people and agriculture while restoring some of the river's natural values? States, cities, the federal government, and other stakeholders are all striving for solutions. Anne Castle will discuss current efforts to create a more sustainable system, including the groundbreaking engagement with Mexico to protect and restore this shared resource.

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All interested faculty, students, and off-campus guests are encouraged to attend.  
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