



# 2016

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS at the Environmental Law Institute

As a valued member of our ELI community, we thank you for your support that has led to this year's accomplishments advancing progress toward a healthy environment, prosperous economies, and vibrant communities founded on the rule of law.

During 2016, we completed a new strategic vision and plan ([www.eli.org/strategic-vision](http://www.eli.org/strategic-vision)), which reaffirmed that ELI's core strength and competence of transferring effective environmental governance approaches to build environmental quality and rule of law both in the United States and abroad continues to be not only relevant—but urgently needed.

### ELI Selected to Head International Enforcement Network

ELI was selected to serve as **Secretariat of the International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement**—a network of 2,000 practitioners in 150 countries, including environmental regulators, investigators, prosecutors, judges, and employees of international organizations. ELI will convene INECE members and stakeholders, advise the network on environmental governance activities, and provide strategic thinking to guide engagement. ELI will pursue opportunities to continue the productive dialogue with the Chinese government on how to best ensure environmental compliance.



### ELI Plays Key Role in Creation of New Environmental Global Judicial Institute

At the World Congress on Environmental Law in Rio de Janeiro in April 2016, ELI President Scott Fulton joined a small gathering of current and former judges and legal experts to create a new **Global Judicial Institute for the Environment** to build capacity within the judiciary around the world for environmental adjudication. This Institute will expand and leverage ELI's groundbreaking work on judicial training, which began in 1990.

At the current time of domestic political transition, ELI is offering a steady, unbiased voice working to reinforce those elements of law and governance that are key to advancing effective natural resource management and environmental quality.

ELI President Scott Fulton has been an increasingly sought-after commentator on the future of environmental law and governance. ELI will continue its critical work to support efforts of government, the private sector, and civil society to protect the environment and human communities in the United States and across the globe.

### ELI Builds Ties to China to Improve Environmental Quality

Reflecting upon his long-standing leadership in the private and public sector and his ground-breaking work to forge U.S.-China engagement, **U.S. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson** and **honoree of the ELI Environmental Achievement Award** at the 2016 ELI Annual Award Dinner aptly noted, *"When you think about almost any major issue, whether it's driving global growth, all of the environmental problems, keeping the world peace, denuclearization, they're all easier if we're working with China, more difficult if we're working at cross purposes."* ELI is enhancing the capacity of government, corporations, and nonprofit organizations to build environmental rule of law in China.

### ELI Helps Countries Enact Laws to Meet Their Paris Commitments

ELI drafted a **model framework for a national-level climate change law** to support the progress of countries serious about meeting their Paris Agreement goals. ELI's model law is a valued resource for countries seeking to implement domestic legislation giving effect to their Nationally Determined Contributions.

# Protecting Forever Vulnerable Ocean Fisheries and Resources

More than 450 individuals representing government officials, nonprofit groups, and others from over 90 countries attended the 2016 Our Ocean Conference last September, hosted by the U.S. Department of State in Washington, DC. At the conference, nearly 20 countries announced the creation of new Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) or the expansion of existing ones. These "ocean parks" are areas set aside to ensure that endangered fisheries are protected.

There, ELI presented its new report, *Legal Tools for Strengthening Marine Protected Area Enforcement: A Handbook*. The report provides guidance to countries seeking to improve enforcement of their existing MPAs or to create new ones. It offers a variety of legal tools and approaches (including sample legal provisions) that countries may use to implement reforms through targeted domestic legislation, international agreements, or other instruments.

## ELI Honors the History of Environmental Law

On Earth Day 2016, ELI released "**Pioneers in Environmental Law**," an oral history project of 24 individuals without whom environmental law in the United States might never have become a reality. It was these individuals who, in the 1960s and 1970s, had the foresight, commitment, and determination to call for federal laws to be passed and environmental agencies to be created. Watch their inspiring stories at [www.eli.org/celebrating-pioneers-in-environmental-law](http://www.eli.org/celebrating-pioneers-in-environmental-law).

## ELI Provides Showcase for Thought Leadership on Environmental Law and Policy

ELI launched its blog series, "**Vibrant Environment**," through which ELI hopes to provide inspired thinking on current environmental legal and policy issues to our members, supporters, and the public at large. Be sure to visit [www.eli.org/vibrant-environment-blog](http://www.eli.org/vibrant-environment-blog).

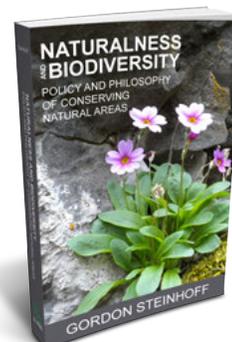
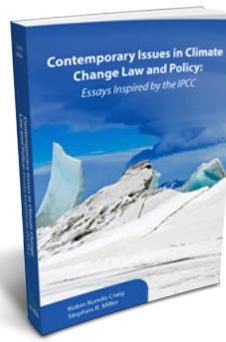
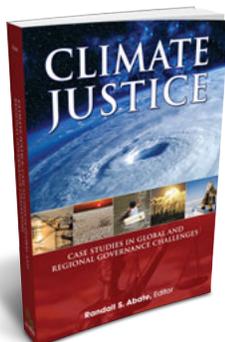
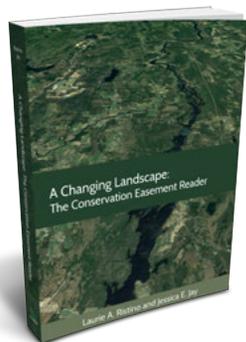
## ELI Helps Enhance Community Climate Resilience

The **Natural Hazards and Opportunity: Community Resilience and Habitat Connectivity** project, which highlighted over a dozen case studies, demonstrates how the restoration of floodplain acquisition properties can increase the quality and functionality of natural habitats, help preserve native biodiversity, increase climate resilience, and provide community benefits. Look for a community action guide this spring!

## ELI Highlights Policy Lessons Learned Through Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Reform

Days after U.S. Congress passed the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act, ELI hosted "**The Story of TSCA Reform**," convening a panel from across the political spectrum to share the inside story on how political gridlock and roadblocks were overcome—and lessons learned for future efforts to advance environmental protection.

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