

West Virginia Law Review
Rural Appalachia: Perspectives & Solutions For Issues Facing Rural Americans
Schedule of Events

March 28, 2025
West Virginia University College of Fitzsimmons Event Hall

Our intent is to provide an introduction to a number of legal topics relevant to the Appalachian Region. We hope to provide an opportunity for practitioners and scholars to inform the legal community on the issues facing the Appalachian Region.

Time	Event and Speaker	Topic and/or tentative title
8:45 AM	Attendee Arrival and Breakfast	
9:30 AM - 9:40 AM	Welcome & Introduction	
9:40 AM - 10 AM	Professor Eisenberg	<i>Introduction</i>
10:00 AM - 10:05 AM	Alan Parsons to introduce the Academic Panel	
10:05 AM - 11:05 AM	Professor Michelle Wilde Anderson, Professor Lisa Pruitt & Professor Sean Kammer	<i>An Academic Perspective for Rural Policy Promoting Resilience</i>
11:05 AM - 11:10 AM	Cameron Davis to introduce Chris Williamson, Sam Petsonk & Gary Hairston	
11:10 AM - 12:10 PM	Chris Williamson, Sam Petsonk & Gary Hairston	<i>Prioritizing the Most Precious Resource: A Discussion of the Biden Administration's Focus on Miners and Mining Communities</i>
12:10 PM - 1:20 PM	Lunch	

1:20 PM - 1:30 PM	Zach Rohrbaugh to introduce the WVU College of Law Land Use and Sustainable Development Clinic	
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Professor Kat Garvey, Staci Thornsby, Devon McDaniel & Katie Loudin	<i>Square Pegs in Round Holes: Fitting Rural Priorities into State & Federal Regulatory Schemes</i>
2:30 PM - 2:35 PM	Mackenzie Howe to introduce Dr. Jennifer Sherman	
2:35 PM - 3:35 PM	Dr. Jennifer Sherman	<i>Rural Regulation, Access Loss & Anti-government Sentiment</i>
3:35 PM - 3:45 PM	George Jacobs to introduce the WVU College of Law Panel	
3:45 PM - 4:45 PM	Dean Matthew Titolo, Dr. Anne Lofaso, Professor Nicholas Stump & Professor Bastress	<i>Make Appalachia Great Again: Investing in Labor, the Environment & Infrastructure</i>
4:45 PM Closing Remarks	Closing Remarks <i>Olivia Sokos, EIC</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reminder of the Reception at ____ ● Attendees are free to network and socialize after the event ● Editors on-hand to conduct clean up