

Climate Change Law & Policy

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What we will cover

I. Conducting a thorough literature review

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- Topic Selection
- Preemption Checking
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- Getting Published

I. Literature Review:

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international energy law



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International energy law : Houston, 1984

International Bar Association. Section on Energy and Natural Resources Law; Matthew Bender (Firm)

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BOOK

International energy law : rules governing future exploration, exploitation, and use of renewable resources

Zedalis, Rex J

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BOOK

Principles of International Energy Transition Law

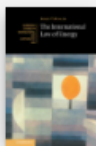
Sourgens, Frédéric G., author.; Sempertegui, Leonardo, author.

2023

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BOOK

The international law of energy

Viñuales, Jorge E., author.

2022

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San Diego Circuit

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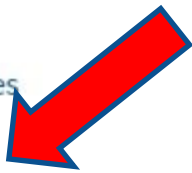
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- [Berkeley Law & UCLA Law – Legal Planet](#)
- [EPA Climate Change Website](#)
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 - **Authority** – author is identified, reputable, credentialed
 - **Objectivity** – fairness, lack of bias
 - **Accuracy** – provides references to sources, verifiable
 - **Scope** – relevant to your topic and argument
 - **Currency** – may vary by topic, but make sure you know the current state of thinking in your field (even if it's rooted in older writings)

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Energy & Environment Analysis

11th Circuit upholds DOJ's use of 'filter team,' rejecting 6th Amendment challenge

Alison Frankel's On The Case

(Reuters) - The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals refused this week to curtail the U.S. Justice Department's use of "filter teams" to screen for privileged material seized from targets of criminal investigations. In its first published decision addressing the government's handling of privileged documents and emails obtained in a raid on a...

FERC rejects Cross-Sound's request to recover grid upgrade costs

CQ Roll Call Washington Energy Briefing

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission rejected Cross-Sound Cable Co. LLC's request to recover its costs of meeting grid reliability standards, saying it cannot retroactively increase the company's rates.

District court dismisses lawsuit over interim social cost of carbon




CQ Roll Call Washington Energy Briefing

A federal district judge dismissed a lawsuit from Missouri and 12 other Republican-led states over the White House's interim figure for the social

Tools

- News
- Environmental Law Dockets
- Environmental Data Resources
- Drafting Assistant Essential
- Westlaw Today

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-  Rodgers Environmental Law, 2d
-  Law of Environmental Protection (Environmental Law Series)
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Pennsylvania Clears Big Hurdle to Joining Regional Climate Pact

Latest Stories

ECB Warns Banks of Climate-Test Risks That Could Hit Capital (1)

The European Central Bank is stepping up pressure on lenders to prepare for stress tests next year that will show just how vulnerable the industry is to climate change, according to people familiar with the process.

Pennsylvania Clears Big Hurdle to Joining Regional Climate Pact

A Pennsylvania regulatory review board on Wednesday approved the state's bid to join a carbon trading program among a group of mostly northeastern states, clearing the last major hurdle before joining in the first quarter of 2022.

VW Urges U.S. High Court to Review Ohio Ruling on Diesel Lawsuit

The Clean Air Act blocks Ohio from suing to impose a \$350 million-per-day fine over Volkswagen AG's diesel emissions software, contrary to a ruling of the state's top court, VW and related companies told the U.S. Supreme Court in a petition for review.

Practitioner Insights



Elizabeth Hessami
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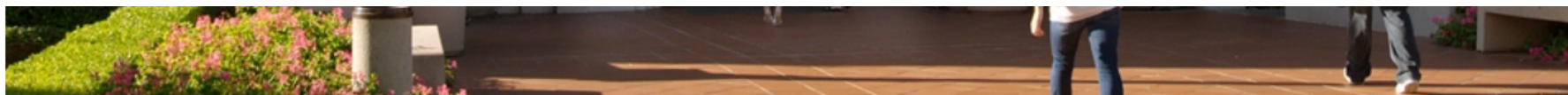
The Uncertain Future of Afghanistan's Nascent Environmental Laws



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III. Generative AI

Gen AI Tools at USD Law

- ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini
- Lexis Protégé
- Westlaw
 - CoCounsel Core
 - AI-Assisted Research
 - Search & Summarize tools

What is Gen AI “research”?

- For the purposes of this presentation we’ve broken down “research” into three main tasks:
 - Generating lists of secondary sources like journal articles, books, and news sources.
 - Generating lists primary sources like statutes and case law.
 - Analyzing material either by summarizing, paraphrasing, or synthesizing.

Secondary Sources

- Claude and ChatGPT have been trained on a diverse range of internet text that includes some secondary sources.
- Lexis and Westlaw are trained on a very limited amount of secondary sources.
- ChatGPT Deep Research and Gemini Deep Research are not trained on data. Rather they use foundational models to browse the internet. Thus, they will have access to some freely available secondary sources.

Secondary Sources

[journal articles] Give me a list of the top 10 most cited or most influential law review articles regarding the effect of nuclear energy on climate change.

[publicly accessible data] Find me all matters Kara Hurst, Chief Sustainability Officer at Amazon, has testified or spoken about related to climate change.

Primary sources

- Lexis and Westlaw are both trained on U.S. primary sources
- Claude and ChatGPT have been trained on case law and statutes but plenty of other material in addition which make them prone to hallucinations.
- ChatGPT Deep Research and Gemini Deep Research again are not trained on data. But they do have access to freely available caselaw (e.g FindLaw) and statutory law via Federal and State legislature websites.

Primary sources

- **[cases]** Find me the top three most important cases in any time period regarding the doctrine of hot pursuit under the fourth amendment
- **[cases]** Find me recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions, from the last five years, that pertain to Fourth Amendment protections against unreasonable searches and seizures.

Upload & Analyze

- **Lexis** - 50 vaults, 500 documents per vault
- **Westlaw** - individual databases (variable max), 200 documents per database
- **NotebookLM** - 100 notebooks, 50 sources per notebook:
- **ChatGPT Deep Research (Using GPT Plus)** - allows individual projects of 20 documents each
- **Gemini Deep Research (Using Gemini Pro)** - 10 documents per prompt
- **Claude** - allows 20 files in a single chat.
- **ChatGPT** - allows a maximum of 3 files per day

Upload & Analyze

- **[Prompt]:** Compare the ideas presented in these articles. Identify the main talking points for each article and list them in bullet points. Identify the strongest and weakest arguments that the use of gene editing will positively or negatively impact biodiversity. Highlight any detailed discussion of the Coordinated Framework for Biotechnology.

IV. Turnitin Draft Coach

Turnitin Draft Coach

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