The Center for Earth Jurisprudence & The Barry University School of Law Environmental and Earth Law Journal Writing Competition

“Earth Jurisprudence: The Time is Now”

The Center for Earth Jurisprudence (CEJ) and the Barry University School of Law Environmental and Earth Law Journal (EELJ) invite the submission of scholarly legal papers addressing the theme of “Earth Jurisprudence: The Time is Now.” The winning submission will be published in the Summer 2016 volume of the EELJ. Other submissions will be considered by CEJ for additional publication.

The volume will be a useful resource for scholars of environmental and Earth jurisprudence law and policy, and by practitioners and community members in the field, including NGO members, environmental educators and advocates, and government officials. The EELJ and CEJ editorial board members will choose the winning submission.

**SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:**

Papers may incorporate multidisciplinary approaches to resolving the unprecedented ecological challenges of the 21st century, recognizing the need for ethical approaches that honor the intrinsic value of nature, and protecting the existence, right to habitat, and ethical consideration of all beings.

We particularly welcome papers that:
- develop theory and research in law;
- apply theoretical and research findings from law and other disciplines to legal subject matter; and
- highlight a current problem or obstacle, or a new issue encountered in the field that has not yet received much scholarly consideration.

Submissions must be original and should not have been published previously or be under consideration for publication while being evaluated for the EELJ. For questions and concerns, please contact the EELJ Lead Articles Editor, Sonya Cunningham, at sonya.cunningham@law.barry.edu.

The EELJ has no general rules about the formatting of articles upon initial submission. There are, however, rules governing the formatting of the final submission. See Final Manuscript Preparation Guidelines, [http://lawpublications.barry.edu/ejejj/styleguide.html](http://lawpublications.barry.edu/ejejj/styleguide.html), for details.

Submit submissions in an email attachment (in Word format, saved with your name in the title) to sonya.cunningham@law.barry.edu by February 15, 2016. The deadline for final drafts will be April 15, 2016.
About CEJ:

The Center for Earth Jurisprudence (CEJ) is housed at the Barry University School of Law in Orlando, Florida. Its mission is to advance laws and governance that reflect humans’ interdependent relationship with the natural world. CEJ seeks to develop a philosophy and practice of law that respects the natural world in its own right and recognizes humans as an integral member of the Earth community. This year marks the tenth anniversary of CEJ’s founding as part of the Barry University community.

In this time of increasing awareness of the ecological devastation and consequences of climate change that characterizes the Age of the Anthropocene, Earth jurisprudence offers hope for reinvigorated, Earth-based governance systems that recognize the rights of all members of the Earth community, including Mother Earth herself, to exist and flourish. Taking its name from Fr. Thomas Berry’s conception of the current regulatory system transformed by science and spirituality, Earth jurisprudence evaluates and supports human needs and wants in ways commensurate with our place on the planet: embedded, interdependent, and reliant upon Earth’s systems for all that sustains us. Such systems would recognize that humanity has a basic responsibility to care for and protect the long-term health and well-being of the entire Earth community, meaning all beings and ecosystems that constitute the natural world.

To learn more about the philosophy and work of CEJ, visit: www.EarthJurist.org.

About EELJ:

The Barry University School of Law Environmental and Earth Law Journal (EELJ) promote new visions and perspectives on social and ecological justice, and facilitate an enlightened discourse on issues and topics affecting human populations and the natural world. The EELJ strives to publish articles that are valuable research tools for students, attorneys, judges, and legal scholars. Student members manage and edit the EELJ, under the direction of the Dean and a faculty advisor. Publication will be in both electronic and print form, facilitating dialogue and providing an international forum for enlightened discourse through the cutting edge technology of the internet.

To read the current and previous EELJ publications visit: http://lawpublications.barry.edu/eiej/.