

TULANE CENTER FOR ENERGY LAW

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The energy sector is going through a significant transition. One significant transition is embedded in the transition towards a more sustainable energy system, but many other transitions like the rapidly changing markets for natural gas or nuclear based power generation with decommissioning of nuclear plants around the world, are taking place. Law and regulation must respond to these global transitions.

This is in essence the background for Tulane Center for Energy Law. The Center examines the exploitation, utilization and regulation of various sources of energy from an international and comparative law perspective.

Created in early 2018, Tulane Center for Energy Law aims at to make a difference in the world of energy law and policy. Together with staff of the Center, its Director and McCulloch Chair in Energy Law Kim Talus, cooperates with other leading universities, industry and international organizations in creating new knowledge and innovative solutions for the challenges the energy industry, its regulators and other actors are facing today.

The current staff of the Center includes its Director, its Assistant Director Dr. Sirja-Leena Penttinen as well as Senior Research Fellow Robert Sloan (formerly the General Counsel of Entergy Corp.). In addition, the Center hosts many short and long-term visiting fellows. Each member has their unique focus and together, the Center works in areas like gas market regulation, sustainable energy and energy efficiency as well as nuclear related legal questions.

“One of the great advantages of having the Center as a part of Tulane is the existing strength the law school has in international and comparative law, maritime as well as environmental law” Talus explains. *“Also the fact that Louisiana is the home of Henry Hub, known internationally as price setting mechanism for gas in the US and with LNG even internationally, makes us immediately experts on natural gas and LNG worldwide”* he laughs.

In addition to teaching and research in various areas of energy law, the Center also hosts its annual conference “Tulane Energy Conference - The Changing Energy Landscape.” Next conference, discussing issues like “ESG and the oil and gas industry” or the “role of courts in energy policy making”, is taking place on March 19-20, 2020. Information about the event can be found at the Center webpage: <https://law.tulane.edu/content/tulane-energy-law-conference>.

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