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Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Legal Program

As the legal arm of the Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium, the Legal Program serves the legal needs of Gulf of Mexico region. Program attorneys work closely with the Consortium, extension agents, and state agencies to provide timely legal research and advice on Gulf issues.

The Water Log

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Introduction

Founded in 2002 to provide legal research to the Sea Grant community and its constituents, the Sea Grant Law Center conducts research on marine laws and policies, coordinates ocean and coastal law researchers, and disseminates information to coastal and ocean policy-makers.

The Center is administered in conjunction with the Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Legal Program, the legal research arm of the Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium. The Legal Program has served the law and policy needs of the two states and the Gulf of Mexico region for more than thirty years.

The Sea Grant Law Center provides a research service, the coordination of Sea Net, Sea Grant’s Law and Policy Network, and publishes a legal reporter THE SANDBAR and a digest, THE LAW AND POLICY DIGEST.

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Research

Center attorneys are actively researching current issues in the ocean and coastal law field. Recent topics have included marine protected areas, aquatic nuisance species, and conservation easements. Published research results are available in hard copy or on the Center web site. Requests for hard copies can be made by phone or e-mail.

The Sea Grant Law Center's Research Service is available to anyone seeking information on coastal law and policy. Center attorneys are available to provide research regarding marine laws, regulations, policies, and caselaw from all regions of the United States. The Center accepts a wide range of research requests, which, depending on the scope of the project, are completed for free or on a contractual basis.

The following is a sampling of recent requests handled by the Center:

• Provided analysis regarding liability associated with the placement of rip current signs on public and private beaches.
• Provided information regarding legal responsibilities of the EPA, the FDA, and the states to educate the public about mercury levels in seafood.
• Provided information regarding the liability of oyster producers.

Sea Net

The Law Center has revitalized SeaNet, the Sea Grant Law and Policy Network. SeaNet strives to integrate marine law and policy makers nationwide. The Law Center provides the institutional home and serves as the online host for SeaNet. SeaNet responds to requests for information from the Sea Grant community, links the membership together, and will provide on-line discussions and conferencing.

Other Services

• Proposal Review
• Speaking Engagements
• Workshops
• Conference Planning