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## **Environmental Law for LSPs, and Other Practitioners, too!**

**Wed, February 26, 2025**

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

**Live Webinar via Zoom**

### **Course Instructors:**

#### **Robert D. Cox, Jr., Esquire**

Bob Cox is Of Counsel with the law firm Bowditch & Dewey, LLP and a member of its Environmental & Real Estate Practice Group. Mr. Cox counsels primarily businesses, public utilities and municipal authorities on environmental compliance and enforcement matters. He also represents clients in private party litigation under Chapter 21E, as well as in administrative hearings and appeals, and in defending claims and actions brought by government environmental enforcement agencies. Mr. Cox regularly advises clients on brownfields development activities and on strategies to limit or shift environmental liability risks in connection with real estate or business transfers.

In 2023, Mr. Cox took on a new role as “Visiting Assistant Clinical Professor of Law” to design and launch, and is now directing, Suffolk University Law School’s Environmental Law and Policy Clinic. At Suffolk Law, he is also teaching courses on environmental law and practice.

Mr. Cox is a frequent speaker on environmental law and has authored many publications on current topics in the practice of environmental law. He is ranked among the top environmental lawyers in Massachusetts by Chambers USA America’s Leading Lawyers for Business, named as a Massachusetts “Super Lawyer” in Boston Magazine, listed in The Best Lawyers in America® published by Woodward/White, Inc. for environmental law, and is a Fellow of the American College of Environmental Lawyers.

Mr. Cox graduated summa cum laude from the University of Massachusetts and is a graduate of Suffolk University Law School.

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Michelle O'Brien is a Partner at Pierce Atwood LLP. She handles environmental and land use permitting and related litigation for various types of developments including residential homes, commercial buildings, waterfront properties, and solid waste facilities. She has more than 30 years of experience in public and private practice. Ms. O'Brien frequently defends companies in environmental enforcement matters at the federal, state, and local levels, bringing her experience as a government lawyer to bear. She represents private parties in cost recovery and property damage claims involving releases of oil and hazardous materials, and assists companies with regulatory compliance under cleanup laws. Ms. O'Brien also assists clients with real estate transactions involving contaminated properties and other environmental issues. She often conducts environmental due diligence for real estate and business transactions, including the financing and development of renewable energy facilities such as battery energy storage systems and solar farms.

Ms. O'Brien is an appointed member of MassDEP's Waste Site Cleanup Advisory Committee and has been an associate member of the LSP Association for more than 20 years. She is on the Board of Directors of the Environmental Business Council of New England and is on the leadership team for the EBC's Site Remediation & Redevelopment Committee. Ms. O'Brien is a former co-chair of the Boston Bar Association Environmental Law Section and its Hazardous and Solid Waste Committee.

Ms. O'Brien has been recognized for her expertise in Chambers USA, The Best Lawyers in America®, The Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers, and Super Lawyers, among others. In 2015 she was named one of the Top Women of Law by Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly. Ms. O'Brien received the LSPA Member Award in 2007. She obtained a B.S. in Education magna cum laude from Lesley University and her J.D. degree cum laude from Suffolk University Law School.

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