

## **California MCLE application: Speaker and moderator biographies**

**Event title:** [Community Lawyering for Environmental Justice Part 4: Working with Non-Legal Experts](#)

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### **1. Kristine Perry (moderator)**

Kristine Perry is a Staff Attorney committed to advancing human rights in the environmental context, with a particular focus on gender and disability. She works primarily on international issues, with a focus on Latin America. She has experience in judicial training on deforestation issues in Colombia, environmental crimes in Peru, migration with dignity, as well as enforcement issues more broadly. Kristine also works with ELI's Pro Bono Clearinghouse. Prior to joining ELI, Kristine worked for Amnesty International - International Secretariat's Law and Policy Programme. Her work on international human rights focused on the rights of persons with disabilities, gender, policy development, and strategic litigation. She also has experience in refugee and migrants' rights. Her previous work was conducted in the MENA region, Europe, Africa, North America, as well as Latin America. Kristine holds a JD from the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, and a BA in Spanish and Creative Writing from Denison University. She is admitted to practice law in Ohio and is a member of the Global Network for Human Rights and the Environment.

### **2. Scott Gordon (panelist)**

Scott Gordon is a retired professional of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's southeast regional office (Region 4) in Atlanta. EPA Region 4 covers the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. Scott earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from the University of Louisville. He was with EPA for 36 years and has worked in compliance and enforcement areas in most of the federal environmental statutes and served as the Enforcement Coordinator and Chief of Staff for the Regional Administrator in Region 4. Mr. Gordon has received numerous awards for enforcement work including national commendations for work on the City of Atlanta sewer problems, Jacksonville Showcase Community efforts and regulatory approaches to Combined Animal Feeding Operations. He also received EPA's 1999 Best Practices Award for outstanding innovations in enforcement and compliance assurance for Publicly Owned Treatment Works Management Operation and Maintenance Self-Audit Initiative. Scott retired from the US EPA in January 2020. Post retirement he was nominated and received the Ira Leighton, Jr. Lifetime Leadership Award, the Agency's highest career achievement honor, four months later. He has since served as an Environmental Protection Network technical advisor for the last two years.

### **3. Lisa Jordan (panelist)**

Lisa Jordan is Director of the Environmental Law Clinic, appointed to the position in 2017. She has over twenty years of experience with the Environmental Law Clinic, including serving as Acting Director in 1999-2000, supervising students in the representation of clients who face threats from pollution and barriers to effective participation before governmental entities. From the beginning, Professor Jordan and her students' representation has focused on Louisiana communities disproportionately impacted by industrial pollution. From 1996 through 1998, Professor Jordan led the Clinic's legal team in representing a grassroots citizen group and their regional and national partners in opposing air permits to Shintech Corporation for a massive polyvinyl chloride plant proposed for Convent, Louisiana, a town in the middle of Louisiana's Cancer Alley. The Clinic's representation of these groups in the face of massive political and financial resistance and interference led to them being named Runner-Up for the National Law Journal's Lawyer of the Year award. Professor Jordan continues this important work for clients across Louisiana and other areas, as well as clients fighting to protect invaluable natural resources such as the Atchafalaya Basin. Professor Jordan has an LLM in Environmental Law and previously practiced criminal law as an assistant district attorney in Orleans Parish. She is a native New Orleanian.

### **4. Shailesh Shai (panelist)**

Shailesh Sahay is a leading energy and environmental attorney and helps clients nationwide shape laws through legislative and regulatory advocacy. Prior to joining Foley Hoag, Shai served as in-house counsel to the largest renewable fuels producer in the world. He is acting general counsel of the largest renewable fuels trade association and directs legal and policy strategy on climate, environmental, and sustainability issues at the federal, state, and international levels. He also actively advises clients on community and stakeholder engagement relating to Native American and environmental justice groups, among others.