

I. Community Lawyering for Environmental Justice Part 4: Working with Non-Legal Experts

December 12, 2022, 12:00 – 1:30 pm ET

Moderator: Kristine Perry

Panelists: Scott Gordon, Lisa Jordan, Shailesh Sahay

- a. Introduction to the series, the Environmental Law Institute's Pro Bono Clearinghouse
 - a. Part four of the series will focus on how to work with non-legal experts on cases. Particularly in the field of community lawyering, it can be important to bring in experts who can support communities and the issues they are facing. When should you bring in a non-legal expert? What is the best way to find an expert? What challenges arise when working with non-legal experts, and how can they be overcome? Join ELI and expert panelists to discuss these questions and more.
- b. Introduce panelists, after their introduction, the panelists will have 10 minutes each to talk generally about how they engage non-legal experts in their work or how they themselves work as non-legal experts.
 - a. Scott Gordon, former Deputy Director, Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
 - b. Lisa Jordan, Clinical Professor of Law and Director, Environmental Law Clinic, Tulane University Law School
 - c. Shailesh Sahay, Counsel, Foley Hoag
- c. Special considerations when working with non-legal experts (highlighting the differences between an academic clinic, firm, and non-profit practice areas)
 - a. What types of cases require a non-legal expert? How do you identify the expert?
 - b. At what point in the work do you bring in a non-legal expert?
 - c. How do you prepare a non-legal expert for testimony?
 - d. Highlighting best practices and successful examples of pro bono work
- d. Questions from audience