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# Occupational Environmental Law Forum Asks: Are Legal Answers Adequate?

SAN FRANCISCO — Labor issues, governmental regulations and the law are the focus of a free forum, "Occupational Environmental Hazards: Are Legal Answers Adequate?" scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Saturday, April 16 in room 370 at Golden Gate University, 536 Mission St.

The morning session, scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon, features panelists Carlos Porras, Southern California director of Citizens for a Better Environment, who will discuss the nexus between labor issues and environmental issues; Len Welsh, counsel for Cal/OSHA, discussing the government's role in occupational safety and health issues; and Stephanie Troyan, coordinator of the Santa Clara County Health and Safety Education Project of the South Bay Labor Counsel, who will discuss a Cal/OSHA model program on the effectiveness of occupational safety and health regulations, and the union's role in educating workers.

The afternoon panel, scheduled from noon to 2:30 p.m., will feature Mandy Hawes, director of the Santa Clara Center for Occupational Safety and Health, discussing the role of citizens groups in worker empowerment, and Cathy Ruckelshaus, staff attorney at the Employment Law Center, who will explore legal issues in occupational safety and health.

Lunch will be provided from noon to 12:30 p.m.

The forum is sponsored by the Golden Gate University Environmental Law Society in conjunction with the Asian/Pacific American Law Students' Association, Black Law Students Association, and Latino Law Students Association.

For more information on the forum, call 415/387-4970.

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