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The Environmental Law Section presents



Preparing for the California Climate Disclosure Requirements

CA SB 219, 253 & 261 and detailed education on how clients can comply with "the 200s" and create a roadmap for continuous improvement

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California's landmark climate disclosure laws - Senate Bills 219, 253, and 261, now collectively referred to as "the 200s" - are reshaping how companies report on greenhouse gas emissions, climate-related financial risks, and sustainability governance. These requirements don't just affect publicly traded corporations: privately held companies, subsidiaries, and entities "doing business" in California are also coming into scope. For attorneys, this wave of regulation presents both a challenge and an opportunity: clients will increasingly look to legal counsel for guidance on compliance obligations, disclosure risk, and long-term strategy.

This program will provide attorneys with a practical, behind-the-scenes understanding of what these laws mean in practice. Attendees will learn what goes into creating a greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory (e.g., how companies calculate emissions across Scope 1, 2, and 3, what data challenges arise) and how this process intersects with legal considerations such as documentation, recordkeeping, and liability. We will walk through the assurance process, including what "reasonable" vs. "limited" assurance entails, how verification letters are structured, and what assurance providers look for.

You'll gain insight into how consultants work with companies to conduct a gap analysis, benchmarking current practices against California Air Resources Board's (CARB) minimum disclosure checklist under SB 261. We'll cover the steps businesses must take to prepare a climate-related financial risk report: governance structures, risk identification, scenario analysis, and disclosure alignment. Importantly, you will see how these reports are designed not only to meet immediate compliance obligations but also to set companies on a path of continuous improvement toward future, more stringent disclosures.

For lawyers advising clients in corporate governance, securities, finance, real estate, or transactional law, the implications are wide-ranging: risk management disclosures will affect board oversight duties, contract language, investor communications, M&A due diligence, and litigation exposure. This talk will equip you with the knowledge to anticipate client needs, identify compliance gaps, and understand how your legal advice intersects with technical, financial, and sustainability expertise.

Whether your clients are large public filers, private equity portfolio companies, or family-owned businesses operating in California, you will come away with a clear understanding of the new compliance landscape and how to add value as trusted counsel in navigating it.

Topics

- What preparing an inaugural GHG inventory entails
- Insights into the assurance process
- How to evaluate a company's current state of compliance
- What a "good faith" disclosure includes
- Preparing for future disclosures

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Thursday

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In-Person Program: 12:00 - 1:15 p.m.

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