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## BIOGRAPHIES

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**John Echeverria** is a Professor of Law at Vermont Law School. Professor Echeverria teaches in the areas of property, water, resources, and land use. In 2009, he received a Certificate of Commendation from the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources. Professor Echeverria has written extensively on the takings issue and other aspects of environmental law. Prior to joining the faculty of Vermont Law, he was the Executive Director of Georgetown University Law Center's Georgetown Environmental Law and Policy Institute. He also has served as counsel for governments and public interest groups in numerous takings cases, including as co-counsel for the Governor and Attorney General of Hawaii before the U.S. Supreme Court in *Lingle v. Chevron*. In 2007, Professor Echeverria received the ABA's Jefferson Fordham Advocacy Award to recognize outstanding excellence within the area of state and local government law over a lifetime of achievement. Professor Echeverria is the former General Counsel of the National Audubon Society, and the former General Counsel and Conservation Director of American Rivers, Inc. He served as law clerk for Judge Gerhard Gesell of the U.S. District Court in the District of Columbia. He received a B.A. from Yale College, an M.F.S. from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, and a J.D. from Yale Law School.

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**Robert Meltz** is an attorney-adviser with the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service, where he has responsibility for advising Congress on takings issues, property rights legislation, and environmental law. He has testified before congressional committees on property right legislation and is a frequent CLE lecturer. Professor Meltz also authored several articles on takings law such as *Wetlands Regulation and the Law of Regulatory Takings*, 30 ENVTL.L.RPTR. 10468 (2000), and coauthored a book entitled *The Takings Issue: Constitutional Limits on Land Use Controls and Environmental Regulation* (1999). He has served on the steering committees of the environment sections of both the District of Columbia Bar and Federal Bar Association. Professor Meltz received a B.A. and an M.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and a J.D. degree from Georgetown University Law Center.

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*Treasures* (1999). He also has written scores of articles, a number of which are widely recognized as among the most important and influential in the field of environmental law. He has been a visiting professor at Stanford University and the Universities of Utah and Paris, and was a fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences. He is currently a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and his awards and citations include the Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award from the University of Michigan, the Elizabeth Haub Environmental Prize of the Free University of Brussels, the Audubon Society's Conservationist of the Year Award, the William O. Douglas Legal Achievement Award from the Sierra Club, and the Environmental Quality Award of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. He has served as a consultant or board member for 19 different environmental public service organizations and was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree by the Illinois Institute of Technology. From 1994 to 1996, Professor Sax served in the Clinton's administration as the Counselor to the Secretary of the Interior and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy at the U.S. Department of the Interior. He is a graduate of Harvard University and the University of Chicago School of Law.

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