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The Role of State and Local Governments in Addressing Climate Change



A global and national crisis in governance has motivated state and local governments in the United States, led by the State of California, to adopt laws that attempt to address climate change. These laws can regulate commercial and governmental activities that emit greenhouse gases, implement incentives to adopt new technologies, and change land use, transportation, and personal consumption patterns to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as well as to increase our capacity to adapt to changed conditions.

Professor Hecht will discuss state and local initiatives to address climate change through laws and regulations, as well as attempts by state governments to use the legal system to require stricter regulatory standards from the federal government.

Sean B. Hecht is the Executive Director of the UCLA Environmental Law Center at UCLA School of Law. He co-directs the Frank G. Wells Environmental Law Clinic and directs the activities of the Evan Frankel Law and Policy Program, which include research and education on governance, regulation, and environmental policy. His research interests include the role of the insurance industry and other financial institutions in addressing climate change, the influence of environmental impact analysis on local government decision making, and the interplay among science, public participation, and politics in environmental governance.

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