

**National Sea Grant Law Center**

**2022 Webinar Series**

**Per-and Polyfluorinated Substances Legal and Regulatory Update**

**April 21, 2022 at 3 PM EST**

**Agenda**

- 3:00 PM** Welcome and Introductions (Stephanie Otts, NSGLC Director)
- 3:05 PM** Federal Overview of the Safe Drinking Water Act & Where PFAS Fits in (Catherine Janasie, NSGLC Research Counsel)
- 3:25 PM** State Approaches to PFAS Regulation (Olivia Deans, NSGLC Law Fellow)
- 3:40 PM** Litigation Updates (Olivia Deans)
- 3:50 PM** Q & A (All)
- 4:00PM** Adjourn

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- III. Journal Article: Catherine Janasie, Olivia Deans, and Taylor Harris, Legal Extension Strategies to Increase Awareness of Drinking Water Contaminant Regulatory Framework, 174 Journal of Contemporary Water Research & Education 106 (2021)