



WE ARE PLEASED TO INVITE YOU TO AN EVENING OF TALK AND DISCUSSION ON

Nature's Law: Reinventing Environmental Jurisprudence for the 21st Century With Andrew Kimbrell

Wednesday, 19 September 2007

**Drinks and buffet at Gaia House, 18 Well Walk, London, NW3 1LD, from 6pm
7.30 pm Talk and Discussion at Burgh House, New End Square, London NW3 1LT. Opposite Gaia House
Nearest tube Hampstead – Northern Line - A contribution of £7 would be appreciated**

We do hope you can make it. RSVP to Sarah Nicholl on sarahn@gaiagnet.org or 020 7428 0055

The New York Times called it “**the most important environmental case in U.S. history.**” The case, *Mass v. EPA*, challenged the Bush Administration’s policy of refusing to regulate global warming gases. The Administration claimed that either global warming did not exist, or that even if it did the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) had no authority to regulate on it. Claimants, several environmental groups and states including Massachusetts, argued that global warming is a reality and that US legislation must therefore give the EPA authority to regulate harmful greenhouse gases. Earlier this year, after fighting for several years at the lower court level and in what many saw as a surprise ruling, the Supreme Court decided in their favour. It called Global Warming “an urgent environmental crisis” and affirmed that the EPA had authority to address it. The decision was universally seen as a defining moment in the debate over Global Warming in the United States, having global implications.

Attorney Andrew Kimbrell, along with his legal partner Joseph Mendelson, devised the law suit and fought at the agency and lower court level for several years until finally achieving victory at the Supreme Court. In his presentation, Andrew Kimbrell will describe how the case developed, the legal strategy behind it and the at times dramatic interaction with both the Clinton Administration and the Bush Administration as the case proceeded. He will discuss the consequences of the case for Global Warming regulation and environmental law in the U.S., as well as possible international implications. Kimbrell will also discuss how the case despite its success reveals the inability of current law in the United States and elsewhere to appropriately deal with the environmental crises the globe now faces. He will outline a bold new concept of Natural Law that can frame an Earth Jurisprudence and talk about several major legal concepts that need to be implemented in order for the law to become relevant to the most important issue of our time.



Andrew Kimbrell is a public interest attorney, activist and author. He has been involved in public interest legal activity in numerous areas of technology, human health and the environment. After working for eight years as the Policy Director at the Foundation for Economic Trends, Kimbrell established the International Centre for Technology Assessment (CTA) in 1994 and the Center for Food Safety (CFS) in 1997. Kimbrell has written several books, given numerous public lectures on a variety of issues, and has been featured on radio and television programs across the United States.