



2015 Symposium  
“This is Not a Drill: Confronting Legal Issues in the Wake of International Disasters”

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**

Continental Breakfast

**9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.**

Opening Remarks  
Dean Kevin Stack, Vanderbilt University Law School

**9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

Dr. Eduardo Valencia-Ospina

**10:30 a.m. – 11:45 p.m.**

Panel #1 ILC Draft

**12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Lunch Panel  
Responses to International Disasters

**1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

Panel #2 Disaster Assistance

**2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.**

Panel #3 Environmental Effects

**4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

Reception



## Panelists

### **Burch Lecturer:**

Eduardo Valencia-Ospina, Special Rapporteur, International Law Commission

### **ILC Draft Panel:**

Moderator: David Fisher

Elizabeth Katchka, Counselor to the Chief Counsel, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal  
Emergency Management Agency

Michael Cooper, Managing Director, The Ploughshare Group, LLC

Arnold Pronto, Senior Legal Officer United Nations, Office of Legal Affairs

### **Responses to International Disasters Panel:**

Moderator: Michael Newton

Kirsten Bookmiller, Professor, Department of Government and Political Affairs and  
International Studies Program, Millersville University of Pennsylvania

Nathan Clark, Faculty of Law, Centre for International Law and Justice, University of  
Copenhagen

Anastasia Telesetsky, Associate Professor of Law, University of Idaho College of Law

### **Disaster Assistance/Response Panel/Right to Assistance:**

Moderator: Ingrid Wuerth

Chris Rassi, Senior Legal Officer, International Federation of Red Cross

Michael Newton, Professor of Law, Vanderbilt University Law School

Giulio Bartolini, Associate Professor, Department of Law, Roma Tre University

### **Environmental Panel/ Responses after Fukushima:**

Moderator: Jim Rossi

Emily Hammond, Professor of Law, George Washington University

Lincoln Davies, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, University of Utah

Dave Lochbaum, Director, Nuclear Safety Project

Joseph Tomain, Dean Emeritus and Professor of Law, University of Cincinnati