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## Lawyers to gather in Adirondacks for environmental law program

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Could enough lawyers packed into a room address the environmental and development issues in the Adirondacks?

The answer could come Thursday. That's when the environmental law section of the New York State Bar Association holds an all-day conference on Adirondack development issues at the Crown Plaza Resort and Golf Club in Lake Placid.

The bar association is holding environmental conferences in all nine Department of Environmental Conservation regions around the state this summer, coinciding with the 40th anniversary of DEC's creation. This will be the meeting for Region 5, which covers the eastern Adirondacks, from Saratoga County to the Canadian border.

Region 5 Director Elizabeth Lowe will open the program, and U.S. Rep. Bill Owens, D-Plattsburgh, is the featured lunch speaker.

Panel speakers during the day will include William H. Kissel, former commissioner of the Adirondack Park Agency; Robert K Davies, DEC's director of lands and forests; Brian Houseal, executive director of the Adirondack Council.

Also Fred Monroe, executive director of the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board; John Banta, general counsel to the APA; Kenneth Hamm, of the general counsel's office at DEC; and Chris Lacombe, DEC's regional attorney.

Afterward, there's an optional trip to the Wild Center in Tupper Lake.

Anyone who wants to attend can register at [www.NYSBA.org/ENVSummer2010](http://www.NYSBA.org/ENVSummer2010). The cost is \$75 for the conference. Lawyers can get a continuing education credit.