

Creating Futures



University of Colorado *at Boulder*

Clyde O. Martz (1921-2010)

A Natural Resources Pioneer

When Clyde O. Martz began his career in the 1940s, the field of natural resources law as we know it today did not exist. There were no textbooks or classes, no seminars or conferences. But Clyde laid the groundwork for an area of law that would grow to define how we use natural resources. He wrote the field's first casebook, bringing together the emerging fields of water law, mining law, and oil and gas law.

More than 50 years later, we see how prescient and influential Clyde's interest in natural resources law has been. Environmental issues are on the minds of millions nationwide--from California, where a growing population struggles with inadequate water supplies, to the Gulf Coast, where a major oil spill ignites fevered debates about the future of offshore drilling and how to meet energy demand while protecting wildlife, waterways, and wetlands.

Some of our century's most pressing questions lie within the realm of natural resources. As these questions provoke emotional reactions, we need to foster rigorous legal scholarship and objective forums for debate of the policies and practices underpinning our natural world. It is critical, too, that generations of students be attracted to and grounded in the natural resources field. As we honor Clyde in the wake of his passing in May, we must recognize that we need his dedication to education and his pioneering spirit more than ever.

Serving Presidents, Teaching Students

As teacher, lawyer, and public servant, Clyde inspired students and peers alike.

He served his country as Assistant Attorney General for Natural Resources of the U.S. Department of Justice and as Solicitor of the U.S. Department of the Interior, and the state as executive director of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources, founder of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, and partner in the Denver firm Davis, Graham & Stubbs where he mentored young attorneys and litigated successfully in the U.S. Supreme Court.

And he served his hometown university, CU-Boulder, where he inspired and motivated scores of students in 15 years of teaching at the Colorado Law School, and in 1982 he helped found the Natural Resources Law Center and raise funds for its support. As a long-time colleague told the *Denver Post*, "He was ahead of his time in understanding that oil, water, mining, and public lands law were all connected, and connected to environmental issues."



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"The Center is the ideal means of addressing natural resources issues in a nonpartisan manner and reaching desirable solutions without litigation."

Clyde O. Martz

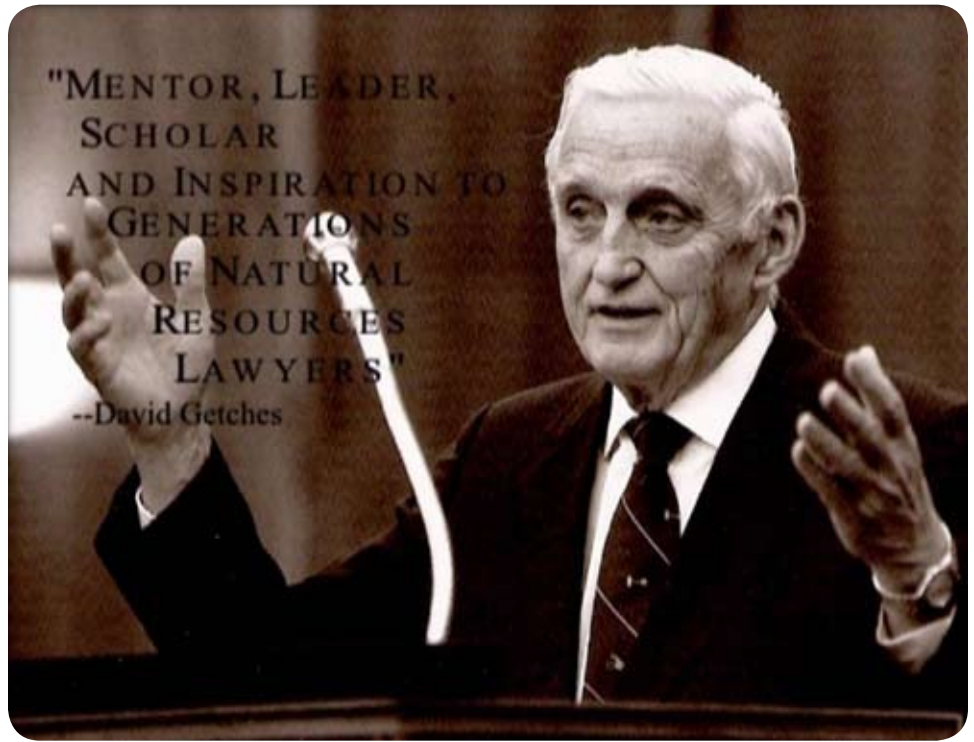
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A Center that Fosters Solutions

Following Clyde's lead, the Natural Resources Law Center cultivates intellectual discourse on natural resources law and policy issues, involves students in its work, and fosters practical and effective solutions. Clyde promoted the Center's apolitical perspective, openness to viewpoint diversity, and collaborative approach.

Its cutting-edge research and popular conferences and workshops have introduced new ideas on myriad topics including the Wilderness and Endangered Species acts, groundwater allocation laws, best practices for oil and gas management, and the effects of climate variability on water resources.

The Center has also hosted distinguished visitors such as former Senators Tim Wirth and Alan Simpson, former Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt, and leading members of the bench and bar. A recent conference participant noted, "The Center does an excellent job in bringing together diverse opinions and insights... Not many organizations provide this necessary service."

To recognize Clyde's role in its establishment, the Center's annual conference was renamed the Martz Summer Conference. As Colorado Law Dean David Getches said at the dedication ceremony, "Clyde has honored us for more than 60 years. It is our turn to honor Clyde."

An Endowment to Honor an Outstanding Legacy

To promote future Center research, Clyde donated funds to establish the Clyde Martz Endowment for the Study of Natural Resources and Environmental Law. The Center is needed now to expand its research and influence in these fields at a critical time for natural resources development and conservation--and this endowment will enable the future of this activity.

Please make a gift today to the Martz Endowment in Clyde's honor. Your support will ensure that his work will live on--for the benefit of our Colorado Law students, our profession, our communities, and our children.