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EDITOR'S NOTE

I had to test the truism that water means something different to different people. I asked several friends, acquaintances, and strangers what came immediately to mind when I said "water." The range of responses supported the truism. Water meant:

- (1) a type of waterbody: river, creek, lake, ocean, and my personal favorite—"puddle"—from my seven-year-old neighbor;
- (2) a type of recreational activity: canoeing, sailing, fishing, and an expected "kayaking" from my friend who, if told he had to choose between eating for a month and kayaking, would immediately and gleefully grab a map and start throwing his kayak gear into the back of his truck;
- (3) life sustaining characteristics: thirst-quenching, necessary
- (4) water flora and fauna: fish, lawn, otters
- (5) weather: rain, snow, hail, drought;
- (6) environmental concerns: pollution, quantity, quality; and
- (7) miscellaneous responses: blue, wet, sprinkler, hydrant, ice, and even war.

The contents of this issue of the *Water Law Review* also support the truism of water diversity. Professor Dan Tarlock examines international environmental water issues. James Lochhead and Felix Sparks explain interstate issues. Sean McAllister focuses on local community efforts to clean up a polluted watershed. Water is often the subject of litigation, as Daniel Young, Duane Helton, and Lee Miller point out. From the economist's perspective, explained by Professor Charles Howe, it is a commodity. In Justice Greg Hobbs' case, it is often his muse. What does it mean to you?

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