

January/February



Kathleen E. Connolly will be teaching a course on record-keeping for land trusts at the Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition's Annual Conference on March 27.

On February 27, **Ms. Connolly** will also be teaching a full-day seminar, Advanced Environmental Law, at the MACC (Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions) Annual Environmental Conference, the largest environmental conference in New England. The course is a credit-course for municipal conservation agents and board members.



Heather O. Berchem presented at the American Health Lawyer's Association "Long Term Care and the Law" Conference in Miami, February 17 - 19.



Gregory A. Sharp will be giving a presentation on recent developments in stormwater permitting, DEP's proposed Water Quality Standard revisions, and the proposed Streamflow Regulations at the Connecticut Bar Association Environmental Law Section's meeting on February 24.



On February 11, **Umar F. Moghul** spoke at Columbia University on Islamic Finance; panelists included Dr. Jeffrey Sachs of the Earth Institute and Deborah Spar, President, Barnard College.

WHO'S DOING WHAT 2009



On February 4, **Natale A. Messina** gave a presentation at the CSPCA Trust, Estate & Gift Tax Committee meeting. His presentation covered updates from the 44th Annual Heckerling Institute on Estate Planning, which he attended January 25 – 29.



On February 4, **Gregory A. Sharp** and **Andrew W. Lord** gave a presentation on new state and federal initiatives concerning regulation of stormwater from construction sites to the Developer's Council of the Homebuilders of Connecticut.



On January 29, **Loring A. Cook, III** presented on a panel at a Special Lien Workshop for AGC of Massachusetts entitled "Chapter 254, Massachusetts Lien Law: Myths & Realities – Law vs. Lore – What Every Contractor Should Know." **Mr. Cook's** presentation focused on "Protecting Your Position Upstream & Downstream."



On January 19, **Marilyn B. Fagelson** spoke at the CBA Insurance Law Section and the CBA Litigation Section on "Business Interruption Insurance Claims: The Need to Restore the Insured's Business." The program was held at the Graduate Club in New Haven.



On January 14, **Gregory A. Sharp** gave a presentation on the DEP's proposed Streamflow regulations to the Middlesex Chamber Environment, Energy and Land Use Committee at the invitation of **Andrew W. Lord**, the Committee's co-chairman.



WHO'S DOING WHAT 2009



On January 14, **Michael P. Connolly** presented a portion of a program for the Massachusetts Bar Association entitled *Handling Depositions with Confidence*.



On December 10, 2009, **Marcel J. Bernier** spoke on *Tax Consideration in Choice of Entity: LLCs* to the Connecticut Bar Association. The program provided an overview of the tax considerations with respect to selecting an LLC or corporation to conduct a business.

On December 17, 2009, **Mr. Bernier** was also a panelist at the University of Hartford School of Business FastTrac Entrepreneurs meeting, where panelists provided comments regarding new entrepreneurs' business plans.



On December 9, **Umar F. Moghul** presented to the BNY Mellon Global Structured Finance Group about Islamic finance and our firm's capabilities.