The American College of Environmental Lawyers ("ACOEL") is proud to announce its newly elected Officers, all of whom remain highly active members of the College and whose terms were initiated on October 16, 2015 at the Annual Meeting in New York City. All officers assume their posts on a voluntary basis and donate their time to ensure that the College operates efficiently.

David B. Farer, Chair of the Environmental Department at Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP, was appointed President and begins a one year term. Practicing environmental law since the mid-1980s, Mr. Farer concentrates on the impact of environmental laws on transactions, real property and redevelopment in New Jersey and around the nation, and has also been serving as special master in environmental disputes. During the 2015 Annual Meeting that he hosted in his home town of New York City, Mr. Farer articulated his themes of "service and organization," and announced initiatives aimed at further expanding the College's role in outreach, education, response and pro bono activities in the U.S. and abroad.

James A. Bruen, a partner in Farella Braun + Martel's Environmental Law Department and Product Law Department, has been named President-Elect and will assume the presidency in the fall of 2016. He previously served as Secretary of the College. Mr. Bruen has more than 40 years of criminal and civil litigation and business counseling experience. His practice includes representation of industry, universities and governmental institutions in complex domestic and international products and environmental counseling and litigation.

Allan Gates, a member of Mitchell, Williams, Selig, Gates & Woodyard, P.L.L.C., was reelected to serve a third term as Treasurer. He has served as defense counsel in criminal and civil litigation, as well as in air pollution, water pollution, toxic tort, wetlands, environmental impact statement and coastal management disputes and litigation.

Linda Bullen, the principal of Bullen Law LLC, assumed the role of the College’s Secretary. Ms. Bullen’s practice emphasizes renewable energy, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) issues, and matters involving the Utility Environmental Protection Act and Endangered Species Act. Her practice involves regulatory counseling, permitting and litigation on energy and transmission projects throughout the Western United States.

The American College of Environmental Lawyers is a professional association of distinguished lawyers who practice in the field of environmental law. Membership is by invitation & members are recognized by their peers as preeminent in their field. ACOEL members are dedicated to: maintaining & improving the ethical practice of environmental law; the administration of justice; and the development of environmental law at both the state & federal level.