
PREFACE TO THE FOURTH EDITION

This fourth edition of *Ocean and Coastal Resources Law* represents a streamlining of our prior edition. We have also added some new materials on aquaculture, and added some more materials on climate change. Clearly, activities on the seas affect coastal land activities, and vice versa. We wish that our casebook could provide shining examples of how the law holistically integrates the legal treatment of land and water, but then we would have to classify our book as fiction. We hope to impress upon the reader that the law of oceans and the law of coastal lands attempt to grapple with forces and effects much larger than what litigants bring before a tribunal or court. Tribunals, courts, and other lawmakers do indeed struggle, sometimes with seemingly little success, but often gamely, to account for the interaction between the oceans and the land adjoining them, and quite often land far removed from them. The ambition of this casebook is to aid in that struggle, and to help a new generation of lawmakers develop the law of ocean and coastal resources as it should be, not as it has been.

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