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Newsbrief

What's New at Terreni Law Firm, LLC

The sun is shining and so is energy education in South Carolina!

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Charlie Terreni participated in the legal panel discussion at the National Association of Water Companies' 2015 Southeast Water Infrastructure Summit in Charleston, South Carolina. The conference also featured discussion of new technologies for well management and desalination, the use of GIS systems, and environmental regulation.

EnlightenSC: A Bright Idea for South Carolina Education

EnlightenSC is an educational program created by the Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina that provides grade-level teachers with energy-related information and resources for classroom activities. EnlightenSC also sponsors student competitions designed to inspire young people to help solve South Carolina's energy challenges by pursuing careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM subjects).

The program offers local workshops to South Carolina teachers as well as a full master's-level course conducted at state university campuses, for which participants earn graduate credits. The upcoming course (summer 2015) includes exploration of energy topics, development of STEM-subject lesson plans, and two all-day field trips. Dr. Lori Dickes, of the Strom Thurmond Institute at Clemson University, teaches the courses with guest speakers from the utility community, environmental groups, and other public policy advocates.

EnlightenSC educator workshops are focused on the integration of energy topics into classroom activities across all grade levels. Workshops are generally free and allow participating educators to earn credit renewal points, units which are required for all

educators as part of ongoing professional development. Workshop participants are also given access to grade-specific lesson plans centering on energy and a tutorial on how to use the EnlightenSC website, <http://www.enlightensc.org/>.

The website serves as a knowledge hub for links to grade-specific lesson plans and energy-related activities, each of which has been verified as aligning with the state's current science education standards. The collection of teacher resources are gathered from a variety of sources, such as the US Energy Information Administration, Touchstone Energy, and the National Wildlife Federation. A special section is included for high school-level educators, which introduces information about careers in energy-related fields, while another section links educators to classroom grant application websites, such as those of the National Weather Association and the Kid Wind Project.

In 2015, EnlightenSC became the title sponsor of the 2015 South Carolina 4-H Engineering Challenge, a multi-disciplinary competition for South Carolina students between the ages of 9 and 19. The event featured competitions in bridge design, GPS, robotics, and more. More than 200 students participated in the event in April at Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College—four times as many students as in years past—with prizes awarded in each competition.

Charlie Terreni will be speaking on regulatory law in EnlightenSC's graduate-level course for the third year this summer.

Sources:

<http://scionthemove.org/engineeringchallenge/>

<http://www.enlightensc.org/>

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