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The American College of Environmental Lawyers Announces Newly-Elected Fellows for 2021

The American College of Environmental Lawyers is proud to announce that this year it has elected 22 new Active Fellows and two Honorary Fellows to membership in the College. Each individual was selected for his or her distinguished experience, high standards of practice and substantial contributions to the field of environmental law.

ACOEL President, Mary Ellen Ternes, partner with Earth & Water Law, LLC, stated, "The 22 lawyers elected as Fellows to the College represent the best environmental lawyers in government service, public interest, academia, and private practice from across the country. Our new Fellows have earned this recognition based on their career achievements and as leaders in the broad and diverse areas of environmental law and policy. Our Honorary Fellows have distinguished themselves for their substantial contributions as leaders in thought and action regarding Environmental Justice."

Our newly elected Honorary Fellows – a designation bestowed by the President of the College for sustained leadership – are **Dr. Dorceta Taylor** and **Ms. Peggy Shepard**. Dr. Taylor, Professor within the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental studies, is a prolific author, contributor to development of the "Principles of Environmental Justice" and recognized as "one of the "Mothers of Environmental Justice." Ms. Shepard co-founded WE ACT for Environmental Justice, which has worked to improve environmental quality for New Yorkers, especially those in low-income communities of color, for over 30 years. Ms. Shepard has also been named as co-chair of the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council and was the first female chair of the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council to the U.S. EPA**.**

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