Environmental Crime Litigation and Policy Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Criminology	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Understand the scope and impact of environmental crimes on global ecosystems.
2. Analyze the legal framework governing international and domestic environmental crime.
3. Apply litigation strategies in environmental law cases.
4. Examine environmental compliance and regulatory enforcement models.
5. Explore climate litigation and corporate environmental accountability.
6. Investigate wildlife crime and illegal trade enforcement protocols.
7. Assess the role of forensic evidence in environmental crime investigations.
8. Develop advocacy skills for environmental policy reform.
9. Integrate concepts of environmental justice in legal practices.
10. Compare environmental crime prosecution models globally.
11. Evaluate the impact of environmental crimes on indigenous communities.
12. Identify policy gaps and propose sustainable regulatory solutions.
13. Collaborate on transnational crime prevention and legal cooperation.

Target Audience

1. Environmental law attorneys
2. Policy makers and government regulators
3. Environmental NGO leaders
4. Law enforcement and investigative agencies
5. Judiciary and prosecutors
6. Environmental science scholars
7. Corporate environmental compliance officers
8. International development and environmental consultants

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Environmental Crime

- Definition and classification of environmental crimes
- Overview of global environmental threats
- Legal and ethical dimensions
- Institutional frameworks (UNEP, INTERPOL, etc.)
- Key international treaties (CITES, Basel, Stockholm)
- **Case Study**: Illegal logging in the Congo Basin

Module 2: Legal Frameworks & International Agreements

- UN conventions and global protocols
- Domestic environmental laws and policies
- Principles of environmental justice

- Role of the International Criminal Court
- Legal pluralism in environmental crime prosecution
- **Case Study**: Trafficking under the CITES Convention

Module 3: Litigation Strategies in Environmental Crime

- Civil vs. criminal litigation pathways
- Filing class action lawsuits
- Injunctions and tort remedies
- Evidentiary requirements and burden of proof
- Legal standing and access to justice
- **Case Study**: Chevron vs. Ecuador

Module 4: Enforcement Mechanisms & Compliance

- Regulatory agencies and oversight bodies
- Fines, sanctions, and compliance orders
- Community monitoring and whistleblowing
- Public interest litigation
- Administrative vs. judicial enforcement
- **Case Study**: Deepwater Horizon oil spill response

Module 5: Environmental Forensics & Evidence Collection

- Environmental crime scene management
- Sampling, documentation, and preservation
- Use of technology (GIS, remote sensing, drones)
- Expert witness testimony
- Challenges in evidence admissibility
- **Case Study**: Toxic waste dumping in Abidjan

Module 6: Corporate Environmental Liability

- Environmental due diligence
- ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) litigation risks
- Greenwashing and deceptive practices
- Holding corporations accountable
- Role of international tribunals
- **Case Study**: Volkswagen emissions scandal

Module 7: Climate Change Litigation

- Linking emissions to legal liability
- Rights-based climate lawsuits
- Youth-led and indigenous-led cases
- State vs. corporation lawsuits
- Impact of the Paris Agreement in courts
- **Case Study**: Urgenda Foundation v. Netherlands

Module 8: Wildlife & Biodiversity Crime

- Wildlife trafficking laws
- Poaching and habitat destruction litigation
- Anti-trafficking task forces
- Cross-border enforcement cooperation
- Role of DNA evidence in prosecutions

- **Case Study**: Elephant ivory smuggling in Southeast Asia

Module 9: Marine & Coastal Environmental Law

- Ocean pollution litigation
- Illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing
- Coastal land development and destruction
- Marine protected areas (MPAs) enforcement
- International Maritime Organization's legal role
- **Case Study**: Oil spill litigation in Mauritius

Module 10: Indigenous Rights & Environmental Crime

- Environmental threats to indigenous lands
- Legal tools to protect native ecosystems
- Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC)
- Intersection of customary law and state law
- Environmental racism and tribal advocacy
- **Case Study**: Dakota Access Pipeline litigation

Module 11: Urban Environmental Crime & Policy

- Illegal waste dumping and urban pollution
- Land grabbing and zoning violations
- Urban green policy and climate justice
- Smart city policies and legal frameworks
- Citizen litigation in urban settings
- **Case Study**: Flint Water Crisis

Module 12: Transnational Environmental Crime

- Cross-border pollution and waste movement
- International legal cooperation mechanisms
- Role of INTERPOL Environmental Crime Programme
- Border control, trade agreements, and enforcement
- Extraterritorial jurisdiction in prosecution
- **Case Study**: Basel Convention violations in e-waste trade

Module 13: Policy Design & Legislative Advocacy

- Policy impact assessment
- Stakeholder analysis and engagement
- Drafting effective environmental bills
- Use of data and research in advocacy
- Role of civil society in legislative change
- **Case Study**: EU Green Deal policy advocacy

Module 14: Environmental Risk Analysis & Management

- Identifying and mitigating environmental risks
- Environmental impact assessments (EIA)
- Corporate environmental risk frameworks
- Insurance and liability mechanisms
- Risk-based litigation strategies
- **Case Study**: Fukushima Nuclear Disaster litigation

Module 15: Capstone Case Analysis & Legal Simulation

- Simulated environmental courtroom scenarios
- Moot court on transnational litigation
- Group analysis of landmark rulings
- Drafting legal briefs and opinions
- Mock policy debate on environmental law reform
- **Case Study**: Shell vs. Friends of the Earth Netherlands

Training Methodology

- Expert-led lectures and interactive discussions
- Case-based learning using real-world legal scenarios
- Group simulations and legal drafting exercises
- Workshops on environmental litigation tools
- Role plays and stakeholder negotiation drills
- Access to digital learning resources and legal databases

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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