Jean-Michel Cousteau among speakers at Tulane Law’s annual law summit

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Jean-Michel Cousteau is an impassioned diplomat for the environment. (Photo courtesy of Oceans Future Society)

Top environmentalists from around the world, including Jean-Michel Cousteau, the son of Jacques Cousteau, are headlining Tulane Law School’s 23rd annual Summit on Environmental Law and Policy March 9 and 10 on Tulane’s uptown campus.

Cousteau, the founder and chairman of the Ocean Futures Society, speaks Friday at 4:30 p.m. at the Wendell H. Gauthier Moot Court Room 110 of John Giffen Weinmann Hall, 6329 Freret St. He is an award-winning filmmaker, conservationist and explorer recognized around the world as a diplomat of the seas. Like his famous father, he is a voice for the ocean, and educates audiences around the world about the need to act responsibly to preserve the fragile underwater ecosystems that affect all life on earth.
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On Saturday, Maya K. van Rossum, director of the Delaware Riverkeeper Network, will give the conference’s keynote at 4 p.m., also in the Wendell H. Gauthier Moot Court Room 110 of John Giffen Weinmann Hall.

She has been the leader of the Delaware Riverkeeper Network for more than two decades, and successfully pushed Pennsylvania’s legislature to recognize the constitutional right to a healthy environment. She will address how legislative environmentalism has failed communities across America, its significance and how to take action in your community.

Hosted by Tulane’s Environmental and Energy Law Society, the annual Summit brings together professionals and the public on pressing environmental and legal challenges and policy issues. Panel topics include “Pushing Environmental Agendas in the Age of Trump,” “Lead in New Orleans: The Next Flint,” and “Evolving Protections for Captive Wildlife.”

Admission to the Summit is free and open to the public. It can also be taken for 13 hours of CLE credit with registration. For more information, visit the Summit web site.