

Attorney Thomas Lingan to discuss liability at April meeting

Did you know that where environmental law is concerned, an "accident" just cannot occur? There has to be some fault-based liability. Many do not realize how vulnerable they may be to this risk.

Thomas Lingan, an attorney with Venable, Baetjer & Howard, will address these dangers at the April 9 meeting. He will discuss "the nature of environmental law and its particular application to golf course superintendents and small businessmen." He will offer advice on how best to prevent and handle environmental problems in order to stay out of both enforcement troubles and how to treat civil suit which may be filed by third parties for environmental damage.

Says Lingan, "There are unique legal principles that are applicable to the handling of hazardous materials or various environmental concerns. There are strange, draconian punishments for people who happen to run afoul of the law. When we explain to clients the liabilities they face, many are astounded that a legal system would allow this."

Yet, says this attorney "It is healthy that environmental decisions are now becoming intrinsic to business decisions."

Lingan has been with Venable, Baetjer & Howard since 1986. For 12 years prior to that, he represented the Montgomery County Executive as a lobbyist before the Maryland General Assembly in Annapolis.

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