How to Become a Member of the Leadership Council

Members of the ELI Leadership Council:

- are an esteemed member of the environmental professional community;
- must be recommended for inclusion by an existing Leadership Council member; and
- donate $5,000 or more each year to help ELI accomplish its critical work.

Want to learn more?
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What Do Leadership Council Donations Support?

The Leadership Council is more than just a group of outstanding environmental professionals. It is also a group of people committed to the mission of ELI to “make the law work for people, places, and the planet.” Leadership Council donations help ELI to promote effective environmental governance in the United States and in more than 27 countries across the globe.

ELI applies its expertise to improve water and air quality, promote clean energy, reduce food waste and deforestation, mitigate and adapt to climate change, advance sustainable development, biodiversity, and post-conflict peace-building, reform environmental health and justice, address climate mitigation and adaptation, and reduce harm to fisheries and ocean health.
ELI’s approach:

- **Provides Thought Leadership:** by researching and analyzing cutting-edge legal issues and implementation challenges and the state of laws and regulations, including their scientific, economic, and policy dimensions and presenting this information in ELI books, research reports, and educational seminars.

  ELI was originally formed as a publisher to present the best legal and policy analyses of environmental and natural resource issues, and continues to play this role, providing a forum through which to highlight innovative environmental law and policy solutions by cutting-edge authors. Publications include our flagship journal, *ELR—The Environmental Law Reporter*, the most-cited environmental law review in the nation, and *The Environmental Forum*, our award-winning policy magazine for professionals in environmental law, policy, and management.

- **Catalyzes Effective Law Formation:** by developing draft and model legal and implementation instruments and disseminating them to policymakers.

  Members of the Leadership Council are leading supporters of ELI, and are called upon to provide crucial advisory guidance to the organization, such as on ELI’s strategic plan.

- **Convenes Stakeholders and Crosses Policy Divides to Build Consensus:** by bringing together key players in the environmental law, management and policy communities to engage in dialogue and transcend political impasse through ELI’s reputation as an “honest broker” that facilitates constructive solutions.

  The Council convenes regular small-group, private “off-the-record” luncheons for its members with today’s prominent leaders in environmental law, policy, and related fields, providing a venue for networking, building connections, and gaining knowledge of the most important environmental issues of the day. EPA Administrators, General Counsels in environmental and other federal agencies, top Justice Department officials, leading state policymakers, and others have all been speakers. Events take place in Washington, DC, New York City, San Francisco, Seattle, Los Angeles, and other cities.

- **Drives Solutions:** by analyzing and showcasing successful laws, policies, and governance solutions to promote best practices and standardization across political borders in countries around the world, at the state and federal levels in the United States, and through reviewing the important contributions of private companies.

  The Leadership Council recognizes leaders for their commitment of critical support and time to realizing the Institute’s vision of a healthy environment, prosperous economies, and vibrant communities founded on the rule of law.

  Council members are among the most prominent environment, energy, and natural resource leaders in the nation. The Council’s quarterly newsletter, *ELI Insider: A Newsletter of the Environmental Leadership Council*, provides updates on Council members’ activities, as well as reports from President Scott Fulton and ELI staff.

- **Offers Change-Oriented Training, Education, and Capacity-Building:** by providing policymakers, enforcement and compliance personnel, business leaders, communities, prosecutors, judges, and others with the information they need to address environmental problems and improve environmental governance. For example, in partnership with local groups, ELI has trained thousands of judges in dozens of countries.