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## **RICHARD CHRISTOPHER WINS TRB'S VANCE AWARD**

Richard A. Christopher of HDR Engineering, Chicago, is the recipient of the 2011 John C. Vance Award. The award will be presented on January 24, 2011, at the Thomas B. Deen Distinguished Lecture and Presentation of Outstanding Paper Awards during the Board's 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Christopher is receiving the award as the individual responsible for *The Natural Lawyer*, a continuing publication sponsored by TRB's Environmental Issues in Transportation Law Committee.

The award, which may be given annually, recognizes the author or authors of an outstanding paper published by TRB or a presentation made at any TRB forum, or the person or persons responsible for a continuing, exceptional publication sponsored by the Legal Resources Group, that advances the study, understanding, and implementation of transportation law. The award is named in honor of John C. Vance, who served with distinction as the Board's Counsel for Legal Research from 1968 until his retirement in 1978.

Christopher has long served as Editor and guiding spirit for *I*, a quarterly publication summarizing cases, regulations, and other matters of importance to environmental lawyers in transportation. He conducts the research to identify topics, coordinates the work of other

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Writers, and regularly writes articles himself. *The Natural Lawyer* is a resource for professionals interested in environmental law and policy.

Richard Christopher is currently with HDR Engineering, where he provides counsel and assistance on environmental compliance for transportation projects. He previously served as an environmental attorney for the State of Illinois, advising the Department of Transportation. He is a former Chair of the TRB Committee on Environmental Issues in Transportation, a member of the National Cooperative Highway Research Program Panel on Legal Problems Arising from Highway Programs, and has served with distinction on the Legal Resources Group Executive Board.

More than 10,000 policy makers, administrators, practitioners, researchers, and representatives of government, industry, and academic institutions are expected to attend the Transportation Research Board (TRB) 90th Annual Meeting, in Washington, DC, January 23-27, 2011. The meeting, held at the Marriott Wardman Park, Omni Shoreham, and Hilton Washington hotels, includes more than 4,000 presentations in 650 sessions and workshops covering all aspects of transportation.

The mission of the Transportation Research Board is to provide leadership in transportation innovation and progress through research and information exchange, conducted within a setting that is objective, interdisciplinary, and multimodal. TRB facilitates the sharing of information on transportation practice and policy by researchers and practitioners; stimulates research and offers research management services that promote technical excellence; provides expert advice on transportation policy and programs; and disseminates research results broadly and encourages their implementation. A major focal point of TRB's activities, the Annual Meeting provides an opportunity for transportation professionals from all over the world to exchange information of common interest.

Organized in 1920, TRB is a division of the National Academies, which include the National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering, Institute of Medicine, and National Research Council. The nation turns to the National Academies for independent, objective advice on issues that affect people's lives worldwide.

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