

determine equitable usage. To have equitable freshwater usage, we need comprehensive freshwater governance. International law could provide a framework for proper governance through treaties, customary international law, and general principles. Recognizing personhood creates a legal framework for people trying to resolve freshwater conflicts. Those using freshwater in larger quantities, however, need structured guidance to understand what constitutes equitable usage. I think recognizing legal personhood is necessary step, which must be followed by detailed principles on equitable usage of freshwater. Through the moot court, I gained a greater understanding of the nuances surrounding equitable usage of freshwater.

Learning about the many different facets of freshwater governance proved most valuable to me. Similar to developing a greater understanding of freshwater management during the moot court, the panels at the conference pushed me to understand the complexities of international water law. I arrived in Brasília knowing that the climate crisis presents new and unique freshwater usage problems. I left Brasília with a clearer understanding of the complications that arise around these problems as well as their innovative solutions. Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to attend the 8th World Water Forum.