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The administrator of the compensation funds for the BP oil spill and 9/11 will be a guest speaker at the University of Dayton School of Law 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 22.

Kenneth Feinberg will discuss how both funds are exceptions to the rule of resolving disputes in courtrooms during "Unconventional Responses to Unique Catastrophes: Tailoring the Law to Meet the Challenges."

"The general rule is that we resolve disputes in the courtroom, not through the establishment of unprecedented administrative claims programs," Feinberg said. "Nevertheless, on rare occasions, policy makers prefer such an alternative."

The Gulf Coast Claims Facility has received approximately 500,000 claims from individuals and businesses in the gulf alleging damage from the BP oil spill, according to Feinberg. The fund has processed about 200,000 claims and has paid out \$3.6 billion. The fund will remain in existence until August 2013.

Feinberg, author of *What is Life Worth? The Unprecedented Effort to Compensate the Victims of 9/11*, said the funds are similar in that fund administrators must deal with very emotional clients who are angry, frustrated and disappointed.

Following Feinberg's remarks, Dayton School of Law Dean Lisa Kloppenberg will moderate a discussion with Jay Folberg, former dean of University of San Francisco School of Law, and University of Dayton School of Law Professor Thomas Hagel.

The program is free and open to the public, but registration is required. To register, contact Lee Ann Ross at 937-229-3793 or lee_ann.ross@notes.udayton.edu. For more information, visit the related link.

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