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## Dedication to Luke Cole

Luke Cole spoke at the *Journal of Environmental Law and Litigation*'s 2008 symposium, *Living on a Finite Earth: Energy Law and Policy for a New Era*. Cole was one of the nation's most important, innovative environmental attorneys. He cofounded the Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment in 1989. In his work for the Center, Cole advocated on behalf of dozens of community groups in local struggles across the United States. He represented Kettleman City residents in their successful efforts to stop Waste Management Inc. from building California's first toxic waste incinerator in their community. He also represented residents of the Inupiaq Village of Kivalina in northwest Alaska in a suit against the world's largest zinc and lead mine, which has polluted the village's water supply for years.

Cole was appointed by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Carol Browner to the U.S. EPA's National Environmental Justice Advisory Council, where he served from 1996 through 2000. He also served as a member of EPA's Title VI Implementation Committee. In 1997, the *American Lawyer* magazine named Cole to the Public Sector 45, one of "forty-five young lawyers outside the private sector whose vision and commitment are changing lives." Berkeley's *Ecology Law Quarterly* awarded Cole its 1997 Environmental Leadership Award and the American Bar Association's *Barrister* magazine named Cole one of "20 young lawyers making a difference" for his pioneering legal work. Cole graduated cum laude from Harvard Law School and with honors from Stanford University.

Tragically, on June 6, 2009, Cole died in a car accident while traveling in Uganda. The members of JELL dedicate this symposium issue in memory of Luke Cole's vision and leadership.

