



## Colby-Sawyer president at Gulf oil spill symposium

**Monday, May 24, 2010** - Colby-Sawyer College President Thomas C. Galligan Jr. will co-chair today's **Gulf Coast Oil Symposium in New Orleans**.

Galligan will team with **Richard J. Arsenault, a founding partner of Louisiana law firm Neblett, Beard & Arsenault** in running the symposium, which is being coordinated by the Louisiana State Bar Association.

The conference, which will feature a variety of legal scholars and political strategist James Carville as keynote speaker, will address the complex set of human, environmental, natural resources and legal issues relative to the oil spill's impact on the region's environment and economy.

Galligan is an expert in maritime law who has spoken extensively and published numerous books and articles on torts and admiralty. His scholarship has been cited by the U.S. Supreme Court and federal and state appellate and trial courts, as well as by legal scholars.

"The disaster in the gulf is one of the biggest and most significant pollution events and maritime tragedies in our nation's history," Galligan said. "The human, environmental and natural resources issues the oil spill poses are epic. The legal issues are complex and far reaching. The symposium will try to address some of those issues and will be interesting to lawyers, judges, regulators and industry professionals."

Prior to joining the New London college in 2006, Galligan served as dean of the University of Tennessee College of Law. -- JEFF FEINGOLD/NEW HAMPSHIRE BUSINESS REVIEW