

## Keynote Speaker: Norah O'Donnell



Top of mind this year is how the pending 2024 presidential and other elections could impact water regulations and legislation.

Norah O'Donnell, award-winning anchor and one of the nation's most respected journalistic voices, will kick off the conference. She has travelled the globe and has interviewed some of the world's most influential leaders, including six U.S. presidents. Having covered every presidential election since 2000 and both Congress and the White House for over two decades, she will provide participants with unparalleled insight into the election cycle.

She has served at several mainstream media outlets throughout her career, including as the former co-anchor of CBS This Morning and Chief White House Correspondent for CBS News. Washingtonian Magazine named her as one of Washington's 100 most powerful women. As the current CBS Evening News anchor,

O'Donnell has extensive relationships within the political sphere and will provide an insider's perspective on the inner workings at the highest level of American politics.

Among her many esteemed awards include the prestigious Merriman Smith Memorial Award for excellence in presidential news coverage, the Edward R. Murrow Award, the Emmy Awards, the duPont-Columbia Awards, and the Scripps Howard Award for Excellence in Broadcast National/International Coverage.

## Highlight Speaker: Allan Lichtman



Election outcomes can upend water and environmental legislative and regulatory agendas. How will congressional and presidential races impact pending rulemakings that affect water utility operations? Dr. Allan Lichtman, a distinguished professor in the Department of History at American University, joins the conference program to provide perspectives on key political contests using his patented '13 Keys to the White House' formula, which has successfully predicted most presidential election outcomes for decades. An author of eleven books and several hundred popular and scholarly articles, he has lectured nationally and internationally and provided commentary for news networks and global newspapers and magazines.