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**Non-State Actors and Climate Litigation: How Climate Change
Debate is Shifting from a Political to a Legal Debate**

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The Political Debate



Main Stakeholders: Non-State Actors' as Major Groups

Focus



Coalitions of Stakeholders



The Shift



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The Courtroom

Jurisdiction &
Sovereignty



Administering
Justice

Judge's Bench

Civil
Debate

Dispute
Settlement

Sanction of Rule of
Law



Respondent



Applicant

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Claims and Contentions



Climate Urgency



Judge's Bench



Relief Sought



Binding Rules



Asserting Rights

Remedy Sought & Court Rulings

SC Ireland, Friends of the Irish Environment
v. Ireland, July 31, 2020

High Court Ireland, Friends of the Irish
Environment v. Ireland, September 19, 2019

Climate Urgency

Commune de Grande-Synthe, November 19, 2020

Court of Appeal Civil Division, Plan B Earth and Others v. Secretary of
State for Transport February 27, 2020

Binding Rules



Judge's Bench

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Administrative Tribunal of Paris, February 3, 2021

Conseil d'Etat, Assembly, July 10, 2020

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Asserting Rights

What Do We Learn?

- None Wants to Leave Behind the Legacy of Industrial Revolution
 - Political and Judicial Debate in Lockstep Might Help
- Consensus on the Problem v. Opposition on How to Tackle it
 - Having Climate Laws & Regulations is Just Enough
 - Courageous Judges Could Help to Move Forward

Thank You Very Much!