Work Experience

American University, Washington College of Law 2007-present

Assistant Dean and Professor

Member of the faculty and its curriculum committee. Director of the Program on Environmental and Energy Law (PEEL). Organize, manage, and oversee 400+ adjunct faculty professors in all aspects of legal instruction. Part of Dean's executive committee. Coordinate numerous actions with Senior Deans, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, Assistant Dean of Diversity, Registrar's Office, and Career Development Office. Currently teach Climate Change Law or Public Lands Law (alternating Falls); Property Law and/or Animal and Wildlife Law (Spring); and, International Trade Law or International Biodiversity Law (Summer). Faculty advisor for *Administrative Law Review* and *Sustainable Development Law and Policy Journal*. Producer of the ABA climate law podcast *Hot Air*. Faculty lead for annual Reif Ethics Competition with Epstein Becker Green. Active member on the ABA's Adjunct Teaching Committee. Visiting Professor at Colorado College, 2006.

Center for Biological Diversity 2006-2024

Senior Counsel

Supervised select legal projects in the nation's capital for dynamic national environmental organization. Litigate a small but diverse docket, with recent cases relating to global warming, endangered species, and freedom of information. Served as general counsel to two Center coalition boards: U.S. Climate Action Network and its political action arm. Completed Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion trainings, and DEI implementation activities. Still represent the group pro bono on select cases.

Gallaudet University 2004-2013

Head Swimming and Diving Coach

Transformed men and women's teams at NCAA Division III institution. Capital Athletic Conference Coach of the Year (2008). North East Atlantic Conference Coach of the Year (2011, 2012). World Swim Coach of the Year in 2011, as U.S. deaf team upset Russia for world championship. Conversant in American Sign Language (ASL). Still active with collegiate swimming (e.g., NCAA rules and McDaniel College coaching).

Sustainable Futures 2004-2010

President

Represented clients in local land use, contracts, property, and various environmental matters as solo practitioner. Served as Vice Chair, American Bar Association (TIPS/Animal Law) Committee (2004-2012). Began service on U.S. President's Trade and Environment Committee (TEPAC), with national security clearance (2005-2017). Winner of Brock Evans Endangered Species Award, 2007.

Defenders of Wildlife 1994-2004

Vice President and Chief Counsel

Created internal full-service litigation program at organization with one million members and supporters. Lead counsel and senior conservation policy advisor for all domestic and international programs. Considerable general counsel duties, including political campaigns and legal budgets.

Supervised 50+ case litigation docket, covering numerous successful claims under the Endangered Species Act, National Environmental Policy Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, Clean Water Act, and various state law. Created first-ever non-U.S. offices in Canada and Mexico. Pioneered litigation strategy of protecting entire natural ecosystems based on species viability and scientific habitat indicators.

University of Baltimore School of Law 1995-1999
Adjunct Professor
Co-taught Environmental Law I and II, with primary focus on natural resource conservation and international environmental law. Advisor for the school's environmental law journal.

Defenders of Wildlife 1990-1993
Counsel and Marine Science Fellow
Congressional and administrative advocate for Endangered Species Act reauthorization and appropriations issues. Developed several advocacy campaigns, and coordinated with pro bono attorneys to litigate when necessary. Staff lead for successful campaign in United Nations General Assembly to establish moratorium on large-scale pelagic driftnet fishing. Clerk for U.S. Supreme Court case, *Lujan v. Defenders of Wildlife*. Began work on the textbook, *Biodiversity and the Law* (completed 1996).

Concern, Inc. (Washington, D.C.) 1989-1990
Staff Attorney
Researched and analyzed international, federal and local laws and policies relating to global climate change and toxics. Co-authored *Global Warming and Energy Choices*.

St. Agnes School (Alexandria, VA) 1989-1991
Faculty Member
Taught World History (Ninth Grade), Advanced Placement (AP) American Government and AP Comparative Government at private high school. Sponsor of Model U.N. group.

Education

George Washington University
J.D., May 1989
Director, Street Law (1987-88)
President, Environmental Law Society (1988-89)
Associate Head Swim Coach, GWU Undergraduate Men's Team (1986-1989)
Summer Associate: Brown & Connery (NJ), 1987; Wilkes Artis (DC), 1988

University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA)
B.A., History, Honors College, *magna cum laude*, 1986 (Member, Phi Beta Kappa)
Studied at University of St. Andrew's (Scotland), 1984-85 (Junior Year Abroad)
Swim Team (1982), Club Water Polo, and President, Theta Xi Fraternity

All-State High School Swimmer, Honorable All-American, Moorestown (N.J.) HS (Jersey Wahoos)

Admitted to practice law in the District of Columbia, as well as numerous federal courts including the D.C. Circuit, 9th Circuit, 10th Circuit, 11th Circuit, Federal Circuit, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Selected Publications, Petitions, Testimony, and Lectures

Trump Has a Point on Trade, Environmental Forum (November/December 2025) at 40-47.

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Revitalizing a Forgotten Treaty on Nature Protection: The Western Hemisphere Convention, Center for Progressive Reform (September 2022) (co-author).

Petition to the General Services Administration on Green Federal Procurement and Climate Policies, December 2021.

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Conservation Easements as a Tool for Nature Protection, 171 *Tax Notes Federal* 875 (May 10, 2021).

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Private Land and Water Conservation: Examining Conservation Easements, *Tax Notes Federal* 1405-07 (August 26, 2019).

A Pattern of Ruling Against Mother Nature: Wildlife Species Cases Decided by Justice Kavanaugh on the D.C. Circuit, 19 *Sustainable Development Law and Policy* 4 (2019).

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The District's Renewable Energy Standard Portfolio Amendment Act: Restricting Black Liquor and Other Dirty Fuels, DC Council, Committee on Government Operations (October 29, 2013).

Natural Resource "Conflicts" in the U.S. Southwest: A Story of Hype over Substance, 12 *Sustainable Development Law and Policy* 32 (2011).

Federal "Agency Capture" by Industry, U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, 3 August 2010.

Joining the Convention on Biological Diversity: A Legal and Scientific Overview of Why the United States Must Wake Up" 10 *Sustainable Development Law and Policy* 6 (Spring 2010).

No Reason to Wait: Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions under the Clean Air Act, Center for Biological Diversity White Paper (June 2009) (co-author).

Radical Environmental Change in the Polar Regions, 8 *Sustainable Development Law and Policy* 2-4 (Spring 2008).

Cutting Science, Ecology and Transparency Out of the National Forests: How the Bush Administration Uses the Judicial System to Weaken Environmental Laws, 33 *ELR* 10959-77 (December 2003) (co-author).

"A Proactive, State-Based, Incentive-Driven Policy for Habitat Conservation," in Steven Beissinger and Dale McCullough, Population Viability Analysis (The University of Chicago Press, 2002) (co-author).

Protecting Ecosystems under the Endangered Species Act: The Example of the Sonoran Desert, *Washburn Law Journal* (2001) (lead author).

"An Ecological Minute to the 1944 U.S.-Mexico Water Treaty: Impossible or Inevitable?," in Water and Environmental Issues of the Colorado River Border Region (Pacific Institute, 1998).

Using Citizen Suits to Protect Biodiversity, *Univ. of Baltimore Journal of Environmental Law* (1998).

"Standard Scientific Procedures for Implementing Ecosystem Management on Public Lands," in S.T.A. Pickett et al., The Ecological Basis of Conservation (1997) (co-author).

Biodiversity and the Law, Island Press (editor and author, 1996).

Recipe for ESA Reauthorization, *Duke Environmental Law and Policy Journal* (Spring 1995).

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