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## **FEATURED PUBLICATIONS**

### **TEXTBOOKS**

- Earth Law: Emerging Ecocentric Law – A Practitioner’s Guide (Wolters Kluwer 2020) (co-author)
- Why Environmental Laws Fail (Cambridge University Press 2017)
- The Right of Nonuse (Oxford University Press 2013)

### **TREATISES**

- Law of Property Rights Protection: Constitutional Limitations on Government Powers 3d ed. (Wolters Kluwer 2020)
- Regulation of Toxic Substances and Hazardous Waste (Foundation Press University Treatise Series 2020) (co-author)
- Principles of Natural Resources Law 2d ed. (West Academic 2020) (co-author)
- Hornbook on Natural Resources Law (West Academic 2015)

### **LAW REVIEW ARTICLES**

- How Science Has Influenced, and Should Now Determine, Environmental Policy, 43 William and Mary Env'tl. Law and Policy 759 (2019).
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## **CASEBOOKS**

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## **BOOK CHAPTERS**

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