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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Denver, Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO

Environmental Law Clinic

Clinical Teaching Fellow (July 2018-present)

- Supervise all aspects of student representation of client organizations; matters include Clean Water Act and NEPA litigation in federal court, oil and gas permit challenges in state court, policy-oriented advocacy around protecting wildlife habitat, and community lawyering projects focused on water and air quality
- Teach seminars for clinic students on lawyering skills; topics include client interviewing and conducting depositions, legal writing and analysis, and substantive environmental law topics; design new seminar courses on litigating environmental citizen suits and working with experts
- Complete coursework in clinical pedagogy; LL.M. expected in 2021

Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, WA

Academic Resource Center (ARC) Program

Teaching Assistant, Civil Procedure (August 2008-May 2009)

- Taught weekly seminars on civil procedure topics for a group of approximately 15 1L students enrolled in the ARC Program
- Taught an in-depth course review session open to all 1L students prior to midterm and final examinations
- Held weekly office hours and offered additional one-on-one appointments to work with 1L students on civil procedure questions, including providing written feedback on student responses to hypothetical questions

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Law Offices of Charles M. Tebbutt, PC, Eugene, OR

Attorney (2013-2018); *legal project specialist* (2012-2013)

- Drafted notices of intent to sue letters and complaints, drafted and responded to motions and written discovery requests, conducted and defended depositions, worked with experts to prepare reports, conducted direct examinations at trial, negotiated settlements and authored consent decrees in multiple citizen enforcement actions under the Clean Water Act (CWA) and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) against private industry parties
- Represented clients in administrative matters, including comments on Draft Environmental Impact Statements and proposed CWA 303(d) impaired waters lists and challenged state-issued CWA discharge permits
- Advocated for organizational clients by drafting and filing articles of incorporation, drafting corporate bylaws, drafting and appealing public records and Freedom of Information Act requests, and applying for 501(c)(3) tax exempt status.
- Supervised law student externs each summer by providing written comments on research memoranda and portions of briefs

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Western Environmental Law Center, Eugene, OR

Volunteer law clerk (June 2011-May 2012)

- Drafted administrative petitions for review, motions and responses, public comments, and client correspondence
- Analyzed sections of RCRA, the Clean Air Act, and the Administrative Procedure Act and related regulations and drafted research memoranda to assist staff attorneys in case evaluation and strategy decisions

Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI), Kent, WA

Legal intern (July 2009-May 2010)

- Examined retail-level compliance with universal waste provisions of RCRA and presented findings and recommendations to corporate social responsibility teams and retail operations teams
- Drafted and revised a variety of contracts and agreements, including retail lease amendments, liability release forms for climbing pinnacles in REI stores, and event sponsorship forms
- Researched and wrote memoranda on state and federal laws concerning sales tax, pesticide regulation, and copyright law

Ronald A. Peterson Law Clinic, Seattle, WA

International Human Rights Clinic Intern (August 2009-December 2009)

- Researched and co-authored an amicus curiae brief in support of former Peruvian President Fujimori's conviction for human rights violations; delivered brief to Corte Suprema del Peru in November 2009
- Developed skills in client intake and interviewing, legal research, factual investigation, and negotiation

EDUCATION

University of Denver, Sturm College of Law

LL.M., expected 2021

Seattle University School of Law

J.D., 2010

- Business Editor and founding member of *Seattle Journal of Environmental Law*
- 1L Trustee Scholarship
- Frederic C. Tausend moot court competitor (qualified to compete based on grade in legal writing class)
- William L. Dwyer Inn of Court

University of Washington

B.A. (political science and communication), 2004

- Dean's List
- Order of Omega

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PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

“Food Justice and the Green New Deal,” panelist, University of Detroit Mercy Law Review Symposium, Detroit, MI, March 2020 (*invited*) (*upcoming; paper forthcoming*).

Citizens of Washington State Work to Fill Gaps in Regulation of Surface and Groundwater Pollution from CAFOs, 33-SPR NAT. RESOURCES & ENV'T 26 (2019).

Writing workshop for Appellate Environmental Advocacy students, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, October 2019.

“Recent Lawsuits that Relate to Establishing a Right to a Stable Climate System,” University of Denver International Law Society lunch panel, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO, November 2018.

“Vetting and Building Successful Cases,” Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, Eugene, OR, March 2018.

“Citizen Participation in Enforcement of Environmental Laws,” University of New Mexico School of Law, Albuquerque, NM, February 2018.

“Paying the Farmer to Not Pollute: Nonpoint Sources of Agricultural Pollution in Washington Waters,” Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, Eugene, OR, March 2016.

ABA Environment, Energy, and Resources Law: The Year in Review 2015, 2015 ABA/SEER YIR 95-96 (2016).

BAR ADMISSIONS

Oregon (2011)

Colorado (2018)

United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit (2019)

REPRESENTATIVE LITIGATION AND AMICUS CURIAE SERVICE

County of Maui v. Hawai'i Wildlife Fund, et al., No. 18-260 (U.S., July 19, 2019) (solicited to serve as *amicus curiae* on brief of law professors in support of respondents arguing for plain language interpretation of the scope of the Clean Water Act)

Hill v. Warsewa, No. 19-1025 (10th Cir., Apr. 25, 2019) (counsel for and *amicus curiae* on brief of law professors in support of plaintiff arguing that he had standing to litigate question of access to portion of Arkansas River for purposes of fishing)

Kupale O'okala and Center for Food Safety v. Big Island Dairy, LLC, No. 17-00305-SOM-KSC (D. Hawaii) (Clean Water Act citizen enforcement suit resulting in consent decree)

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Friends of Maha'ulepu, Inc. v. Hawai'i Dairy Farms, et al., No. 15-00205-LEK-BMK (D. Hawaii) (Clean Water Act citizen enforcement suit resulting in consent decree)

Sierra Club, et al. v. BNSF Railway Co., No. 13-00967-JCC (W.D. Wash.) (Clean Water Act citizen enforcement suit resulting in consent decree during trial)

Cnty. Ass'n for Restoration of the Env't, Inc., v. Cow Palace, LLC, 80 F.Supp.3d 1180 (E.D. Wash. Jan. 14, 2015) (finding on summary judgment that commercial dairy's management of manure may present an imminent and substantial endangerment to human health and the environment under RCRA; consent decree followed court's opinion)