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EDUCATION

The University of Michigan Law School

Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*, May 2002

- Order of the Coif
- *Michigan Law Review*

The University of Michigan Rackham School of Graduate Studies

Master of Science, Environmental Engineering, May 2002

- Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering Fellow

Northwestern University

Bachelor of Science, Environmental Engineering, *summa cum laude* (top 1%), March 1998

- Departmental Honors
- Tau Beta Pi National Engineering Honors Fraternity

WORK EXPERIENCE

University of Washington School of Law

Associate Dean for Faculty Research and Development, 2016 to 2018

Full Professor, 2018 to present

Associate Professor, 2015 to 2018

Assistant Professor, 2011 to 2015

- Courses: Administrative Law, Civil Procedure, Natural Resources Law, Environmental Law, Science and Law
- Awards:
 - Dean's Outstanding Scholarship Award (2013)
 - Professor of the Year Award (2015)
 - Elected to American College of Environmental Lawyers (2017)

University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law

Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, 2009 to 2011

- Courses: Natural Resources Law, Wildlife Law, Environmental Practice
- Clinical: Environmental Law Clinic

University of Minnesota Law School

Adjunct Faculty, 2007 to 2009

- Course: Environmental Law Moot Court

Faegre & Benson LLP, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Associate, Regulatory Litigation Practice Group, 2005 to 2009

- Specialized in appellate practice on various matters including:

- *Exxon Shipping Co. v. Baker*, 128 S. Ct. 2605 (2008): Coordinated submission of amicus briefs in support of respondents
- *Mayo Foundation v. STB*, 472 F.3d 545 (8th Cir. 2006): Briefed and argued case
- Engaged in extensive pro bono litigation representing coalitions of national and regional environmental advocacy organizations, and served as lead counsel in:
 - *Sierra Club v. Bosworth*, No. 06-3334 (D. Minn. 2006), (8th Cir. 2010).
 - *Humane Society of the United States v. Kempthorne*, 481 F. Supp. 2d 53 (D.D.C. 2006), 527 F.3d 181 (D.C. Cir. 2008).
 - *Defenders of Wildlife v. Norton*, No. 05-1573 (D.D.C 2005).

Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP, Chicago, Illinois
Associate, Environmental Law Practice Group, 2003 to 2005

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Seattle, Washington
Law Clerk to the Honorable Ronald M. Gould, 2002 to 2003

SELECTED SCHOLARSHIP

Sidestepping Substance, work-in-progress.

The Flipside of Michigan v. EPA: Are Cumulative Impacts Centrally Relevant?, 2018 UTAH L. REV. 1 (2018)

- REVIEWED IN JOTWELL AT [HTTPS://LEX.JOTWELL.COM/BETTER-ENVIRONMENTAL-LAW-FROM-AN-UNLIKELY-SOURCE/](https://lex.jotwell.com/better-environmental-law-from-an-unlikely-source/).

Regulating Cumulative Risk, 101 MINN. L. REV. 2313 (2017)

- Selected through peer-review as top-five article for republication in LAND USE AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW REVIEW (2018 edition).

Unearthing The Lost History of Seminole Rock, with Amy Wildermuth, 65 EMORY L. J. 47 (2015)

- Cited in *Kisor v. Wilkie*, 588 U.S. ___ (2019) (Gorsuch, J., concurring)

Lessons Learned From The Lost History of Seminole Rock, with Amy Wildermuth, 22 GEORGE MASON L. REV. 647 (2015).

Adversarial Science, 100 IOWA L. REV. 101 (2015).

The Long-Term Tort: In Search of a New Casual Paradigm for Natural Resource Damages, 108 NW. U. L. REV. 475 (2014).

- Selected for 2013 Harvard/Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum.
- Selected through peer-review as a top-five article for republication in LAND USE AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW REVIEW (2016 edition).

Remedying the Misuse of Nature, 2012 UTAH L. REV. 141-208.

The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill, THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF SUSTAINABILITY, VOLUME 3: THE LAW & POLITICS OF SUSTAINABILITY.

A Precautionary Tale: Assessing Ecological Damages After The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill, 7 U. ST. THOMAS L.J. 95 (2010).

EXPERIENCE BEFORE THE U.S. SUPREME COURT

Co-counsel and Counsel of Record for Law Professors as Amici Curiae on Issue Exhaustion in Support of Petitioners in *U.S. EPA v. EME Homer City Generation*, No. 12-1182 (2013).

Co-counsel and Counsel of Record for Law Professors as Amici Curiae on the Propriety of Administrative Deference in Support of Respondent in *NEDC v. Decker*, 133 S. Ct. 1326 (2013). Brief cited in concurring and dissenting opinions.

Co-counsel for the States of Arizona, Iowa, Maryland, Minnesota, and Wisconsin as Amici Curiae in Support of Petitioners in *Massachusetts v. United States Environmental Protection Agency*, 549 U.S. 491 (2007).

Michigan v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, No. 14-46, ABA Supreme Court Preview, March 2015.

United States Army Corps. v. Hawkes, No. 15-290, ABA Supreme Court Preview, March 2016.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Checks and Balances on Environmental Decision-Making, Center for Environmental Law and Policy CLE Seminar, December 2019 (Seattle, WA)

A Year In Review: Environmental Supreme Court Decisions, American College of Environmental Lawyers, Annual Meeting, October 2019 (Williamsburg, VA), with John Cruden and Bob Percival.

Climate Science in the Courts, 30th Annual UW Indian Law Symposium, September 8, 2017 (Seattle, WA)

Challenging Federal Decision-Making: A Short Primer on the APA, Washington State Attorney General Office, May 30, 2017 (Seattle, WA)

Regulating Cumulative Risk, UW Faculty Colloquium Series, April 26, 2017 (Seattle, WA)

The Meaning of Best Available Science, National Academy of Sciences, November 28, 2017 (Washington D.C.)

The Flipside of Michigan v. EPA: Are Cumulative Impacts Centrally Relevant?, Stegner Center Distinguished Young Scholar Lecture, University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law, November 3, 2016 (Salt Lake City, UT)

Remedying Long-Term Harms, Sustainability Law Conference, Arizona State University School of Law, May 13, 2016 (Tempe, AZ)

Remedying Long-Term Natural Resource Damages and The Influence of Science, University of Calgary, School of Law, March 23 (2016)

The Long-Term Tort, Notre Dame University Roundtable, November 13-14, 2014 (London, UK).

Economic Valuation of Wilderness, Stegner Center Wilderness Act at 50 Symposium, September 25, 2014 (Salt Lake City, UT).

Lessons Learned From the History of Seminole Rock, Public Policy Conference on Administration Unbound: Delegation, Deference, and Discretion, George Mason University, September 12, 2014 (Washington, D.C.).

Energy Exports in the Northwest: Environmental Issues and Coal Export Terminals, Law Seminars International, October 24, 2013 (Seattle, WA).

The Long-Term Tort: In Search of a New Casual Paradigm for Natural Resource Damages, 2013 Harvard/Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum, June 14-15, 2013 (New Haven, CT).

Protecting Ecosystem Services: Problems of Mixing Law and Ecology, Center of Environmental Law & Policy CLE Seminar, December 7, 2012 (Seattle, WA).

Precautionary Principle: Regulatory and Tort Perspectives, Association of American Law Schools, 2012 Mid-Year Meeting, Workshop on Torts, Environment and Disaster, June 8, 2012 (Berkeley, CA).

Balancing Good in the Use and Preservation of Natural Resources, J. Reuben Clark Society Annual Meeting, February 13, 2010 (Salt Lake City, UT).

Exxon Valdez Revisited: Rights and Remedies, University of St. Thomas School of Law, October 1, 2009 (Minneapolis, MN).

BAR ADMISSIONS

State of Illinois

State of Minnesota

State of Washington (pending)

Supreme Court of the United States

U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois