

# LAUREN E. SANCKEN

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## EXPERIENCE

- 2015– Present **UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF LAW** Seattle, WA  
*Associate Teaching Professor*  
*Co-Director of Legal Writing Program (2018-present)*  
*Courses*
- Legal Analysis, Research, and Writing (mandatory full-year course for 1L students)
  - Persuasive Writing
  - Cannabis Law Seminar
  - Journal Seminar, Washington Journal of Social and Environmental Justice
- Moot Court Honor Board Faculty Advisor; Washington Journal of Social and Environmental Justice faculty advisor, VIS Commercial Arbitration Team Faculty Advisor  
*Honors:* Philip A. Trautman Small Section Professor of the Year (2016) and (2021)
- 2011-2015 **K & L GATES, LLP** Seattle, WA  
*Associate, Commercial Disputes*
- Counseled clients in complex litigation matters, including contractual and real property disputes, Indian law, construction law, and the Washington Consumer Protection Act.
  - Advised school districts on compliance with the Washington Public Records Act., and counseled national and international retailers on regulatory and compliance issues, including advertising and marketing practices.
  - Dispute resolution experience in mediation, negotiation, pre-trial litigation motion practice, witness preparation, and trial.
  - Authored “Construction Law” & “Indian Law,” *Washington Lawyers Practice Manual*, King County Bar Association Books (2011).
- 2006-2007 **THE CONNECTIONS GROUP, INC.** Seattle, WA  
*Political and Public Affairs Consultant*  
Developed strategic plans for King County Records and Elections to transition to vote-by-mail process. Oversaw community outreach plan for Seattle Center revitalization. Managed successful campaign for water fluoridation in Skagit County, Washington.
- 2005-2006 **TRAVEL WRITER**  
Authored “Southwest Adventure Guide,” *Let’s Go USA* (St. Martin’s Press, 2005). Contributing author, *Let’s Go Roadtrip* (St. Martin’s Press, 2006). Associate Editor, *Northwest Best Places* (Sasquatch Books, 2006). Monthly freelance reviewer and food writer, *Seattle City Search* (May 2007-Feb. 2009).
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## EDUCATION

- 2010 **UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF LAW** Seattle, WA  
*Juris Doctor*  
Executive Comments Editor, *PACIFIC RIM LAW & POLICY JOURNAL*. Comment: *Hong Kong’s Discriminatory Air Time: Family Viewing Hours and the Case of Cho Man Kit v. Broadcasting Authority*, 19 PAC. RIM L. & POL’Y J. 357 (2010). 2L and 3L Representative of Student Bar Association. Teaching Assistant for Prof. Robert Aronson (Evidence), Research Assistant for Prof. Paul Steven Miller (Disability Studies and Bioethics, Torts), and Prof. Clark Lombardi (Islamic Law). Certificate in Professional Mediator Skills Training. Legal Intern at the United States Senate, Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA) (Washington, D.C. 2009) and United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (New York District Office, 2008).
- 2005 **HARVARD COLLEGE** Cambridge, MA  
*Bachelor of Arts in History of Science, high honors in field*  
Senior thesis awarded *summa cum laude*. Recipient of Kirkland House Masters Award for community involvement and public service. Member of Radcliffe crew team and Radcliffe rugby team. Awarded post-college fellowship in microfinance at the Foundation for Sustainable Development in Masaya, Nicaragua.

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## SCHOLARSHIP AND PRESENTATIONS

### *Law Reviews and Policy Papers*

- Lauren E. Sancken, Andrea K. Rodgers, and Jennifer Marlow, *The Injustice of 1.5°C–2°C: The Need for a Scientifically Based Standard of Fundamental Rights Protection in Constitutional Climate Change Cases*, 40 Va. Env't L.J. 102 (2022), available at <https://digitalcommons.law.uw.edu/faculty-articles/919>.
- Lauren Sancken, Shweta Jayawardhan, & Brittany Wheeler, *Climate Finance and the Marshall Islands: Options for Adaptation*, Policy Brief of the Marshall Islands Climate and Migration Project 1-20 (University of Hawai'i at Manoa 2021), available at <https://rmi-migration.com/climate-finance-adaptation>.
- Lauren E. Sancken, *The Price of Sovereignty in the Era of Climate Change: The Role of Climate Finance in Guiding Adaptation Choices for Small Island Developing States*, 38 UCLA J. Envtl. L. & Pol'y 217-258 (2020), available at <https://escholarship.org/uc/item/0b04s26g>.
- Maxine Burkett, Lauren Sancken, *Climate Migration*, in ROUTLEDGE HANDBOOK OF INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, 474-487 (Erika Techera, et al., eds., 2d Routledge 2020).
- Jennifer J. Marlow & Lauren E. Sancken, *Reimagining Relocation in a Regulatory Void: The Inadequacy of Existing US Federal and State Regulatory Responses to Kivalina's Climate Displacement in the Alaskan Arctic*, 4 Climate L. 290-321 (2017), available at <https://digitalcommons.law.uw.edu/faculty-articles/623/>.

### *Professional Publications*

- Lauren E. Sancken, *Spinning Your Wheels With Legal Research: Tips for When the Going Gets Tough (or Stuck)*, WASHINGTON STATE BAR NEWS (Dec. 12, 2022), at 21-23, available at <https://wabarnews.org/2022/12/12/spinning-your-wheels-with-legal-research/>.
- Lauren Sancken & Mireille Butler, *The Benefits of Integrating Statutory Construction and Analysis in a First Year Legal Writing Course*, 3 Proceedings 35-41 (Fall 2022), available at <https://digitalcommons.law.uw.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1937&context=faculty-articles>.
- Lauren E. Sancken, *The Importance of Being Earnest: Writing an Effective Supplemental Authorities Letter*, WASHINGTON STATE BAR NEWS (June 1, 2021) available at <https://wabarnews.org/2021/06/01/the-importance-of-being-earnest-writing-an-effective-supplemental-authorities-letter/>.
- Lauren E. Sancken, *Terrific Third Drafts: Taking Your Writing from Bad to Good to Great*, WASHINGTON STATE BAR NEWS (Dec. 2020/Jan 2021), at 20-21, available at <https://wabarnews.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Bar-News-Dec.-2020-Jan.-2021.pdf#page=22>.
- Lauren E. Sancken, *Re: Emails*, NORTHWEST LAWYER (May 2020), <https://digitalcommons.law.uw.edu/faculty-articles/624/>.
- Lauren E. Sancken, *Words of a Feather: Poetry as a Tool for Legal Writing*, NORTHWEST LAWYER (Sept. 2019), available at <https://digitalcommons.law.uw.edu/faculty-articles/625/>.

### *Presentations*

- Panelist, [The Injustice of 1.5°C](#) with Kelly Mattheson, Anders Carlson, Nathan Baring, Jennifer Marlow, *Public Interest Environmental Law Conference (PIELC) 23*, (March 4, 2023), available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pao8twIXd7U>.
- Podcast Guest, "Do we have a human right not to die in the climate wars?," *The EcoNews Report* (Nov. 22, 2022), available at <https://lostcoastoutpost.com/podcasts/econews-report/>.

- Speaker, "The Benefits of Integrating Statutory Construction and Analysis in a First Year Legal Writing Course", with Mireille Butler, *Western Regional Legal Writing Conference*, University of Oregon School of Law (October 7, 2022).
- Speaker, "How to Write Persuasive Facts and Introductions" with Ben Halasz, CLE at the Snohomish County Public Defenders (Sept. 2022)
- Speaker, "Using Therapeutic Principles in the Legal Writing Classroom", with Mireille Butler, Phillip Lentz, *Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference*, Georgetown Law (July 22, 2022).
- Speaker, "Rethinking 1.5: The Case for Science-Based Standards in Constitutional Climate Change Cases," with Jennifer Marlow and Andrea Rodgers, CLE at UW Law (May 25, 2022).
- Speaker, *Appellate Advocacy Training: How to Write an Appellate Brief*, University of Washington School of Law Moot Court Honor Board (January 29, 2021) and (May 12, 2022)
- Speaker, *Ask a Scientist: The Future of Snow and Ice*, Climate Science on Tap Event Series (December 8, 2020).
- Speaker, "Associate Legal Writing Refresher," K&L Gates LLP (December 6, 2019).
- Speaker, "Cannabis Law and Legal Research," Law Librarians of Puget Sound Annual Meeting, with Karen Boxx (April 2019).
- Moderator, "Federalism in the Courts: The States as a Check on Presidential Power," panel with Prof. Lisa Manheim and Noah Purcell, Solicitor General for the Washington State Attorney General's Office, Washington Attorney General's Office Annual Conference (November 8, 2018).
- Speaker, "Reimagining Relocation for Climate Displaced Communities: Lessons from Kivalina, Alaska," Invited Lectures to the University of Washington Department of Oceanography (January 14, 2020); Center for Health and the Global Environment (November 7, 2018); University of Washington School of Law (March 6, 2018).
- Speaker, "Brief and Briefer: Efficient and Effective Case Briefing Techniques," University of Washington School of Law Academic Support Program (2017 & 2018).
- Speaker, "The Language of the Law: Reading, Note Taking, and Briefing Like a Lawyer," University of Washington School of Law Foundations for Legal Study (2017).
- Speaker, "Case Briefing and Note Taking Techniques," University of Washington School of Law Foundations for Legal Study (2016).

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## LEADERSHIP, PRO BONO REPRESENTATION, AND SERVICE

2017-2022	<b>THREE DEGREES WARMER</b> President of non-profit climate justice organization dedicated to building a practical, ethical framework for critically examining and learning how local communities can create culturally, socially, and environmentally sustainable strategies for adapting to local climate impacts. Current projects include climate relocation planning in Kivalina, Alaska.	Seattle, WA
2012-2018	<b>KING COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION HOUSING JUSTICE PROJECT</b> Represented low-income tenants facing eviction proceedings on a pro bono basis at legal aid clinic, with regular court hearings and settlement negotiations. Achieved successful settlement against Seattle Housing Authority and arranged for alternative housing for Cuban immigrant with parolee status in <i>SHA v. Bermudez-Riega</i> , 14-2-00599-7 (King Cnty. Sup. Ct. 2014).	Seattle, WA
2021-present 2017-2018	<b>IMMIGRANT FAMILIES ADVOCACY PROJECT</b> Represented two victims of domestic violence in applications to gain nonimmigrant status (U-VISA) on pro bono basis and supervised two UW law students who assisted in effort.	Seattle, WA
2011-2018	<b>MARAVILLA HEALTH</b>	Nicaragua

Co-founded non-profit organization to provide training and financing to community health workers in rural Nicaragua in collaboration with the Nicaraguan Ministry of Health.

- 2011-2017      **WASHINGTON WOMEN LAWYERS**      Seattle, WA  
Vice President of Public Service, organizing service and mentorship opportunities for women lawyers in Washington State, including annual workshops with the Girl Scouts of Western Washington.
- 2011-2015      **LAWYERS HELPING HUNGRY CHILDREN**      Seattle, WA  
Treasurer of statewide organization working to alleviate childhood hunger.
- 2011-2012      **VOLUNTEER ADVOCATES FOR IMMIGRANT JUSTICE**      Seattle, WA  
Represented juvenile immigrant from El Salvador in adjustment of status case.
- 2010      **RWANDA GIRLS INITIATIVE**      Gashora, Rwanda  
Developed community center plan for Gashora Girls Academy in partnership with the Rwandan Ministry of Education focusing primarily on agroforestry, nutrition, and English classes.

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### **PERSONAL INTERESTS**

Trail running, cross-country and backcountry skiing, swimming, painting, and poetry.