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EDUCATION

PACE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, White Plains, NY
Juris Doctor, May 2004
Environmental and International Law Certificates

Honors: 2003 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Team Member and Oralist
University Merit Scholarship

Activities: Environmental Law Society
National Association of Environmental Law Societies
LAMBDA Law Students Organization

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY GALLATIN SCHOOL OF INDIVIDUALIZED STUDY, New York, NY
Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*, May 2001

Majors: Interdisciplinary focus in Political Theory and Literature

Honors: Founder's Day Award (Dean's List, seven semesters)
Research Intern, NYU Gallatin School, New York and Havana, Cuba (Spring 2001)

BAR ADMISSIONS AND REPRESENTATIVE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Admitted to Texas Bar, November 2004
Awaiting Pennsylvania Bar results
40 hours of Basic Mediation Training, Dispute Resolution Center of Travis County, March 2006
Texas Environmental Super Conference, August 2005, 2006
Texas Water Law Conference, September 2005, December 2007

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH, Environmental Law Clinic, Pittsburgh, PA
Clinical Assistant Professor and Supervising Attorney, June 2008 – present

As a full-time faculty member, developed a new interdisciplinary curriculum and a cross-disciplinary approach to client work for the Clinic. The University of Pittsburgh's Environmental Law Clinic has a mission of developing students' knowledge, skill, and professionalism in environmental law practice; teaching students to work effectively in interdisciplinary teams; and fulfilling a need in the community

for *pro bono* legal and technical assistance for environmental and community health issues. The Clinic is funded by an endowment from the Howard and Vira I. Heinz Endowments. Duties include the following:

- classroom teaching, including the possibility of teaching doctrinal courses in the 2009-2010 school year;
- supervision of second and third-year law students in Clinic work;
- participation in activities related to the School of Law's Environmental Law Certificate Program;
- administrative duties relating to the Clinic;
- community outreach and fundraising; and
- participation in faculty governance of the School of Law.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, Office of Public Interest Counsel, Austin, TX
Assistant Public Interest Counsel, March 2005 – May 2008

Represented the Public Interest Counsel (OPIC) before the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Commissioners and at the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) in matters covering all environmental media.

Representative Experience:

- Lead counsel in the contested case hearing challenging the application of ASARCO, Incorporated, for a permit to renew a mothballed copper smelter in El Paso, Texas.
- Co-counsel in the contested case hearing on the applications of TXU Generation Company, LP for new state air quality and PSD permits for six coal-fired power plants in Texas.
- Lead counsel in the contested case hearing challenging the application of Sandy Creek Energy Associates, L.P. for a TPDES permit from a new coal-fired power plant.
- Lead counsel in the contested case hearing held on the application of TexCom Gulf Disposal, LLC, for Underground Injection Control Permits and for an Industrial Solid Waste Permit to manage and dispose of industrial wastewater.
- Served on TCEQ rulemaking teams and provided formal comments on various TCEQ rules as well as TMDL proposals and implementation plans.
- Served on the TCEQ's Texas Risk Reduction Program Steering Committee.
- Publicly advised the Commission and drafted responses to requests for standing to challenge permitting actions involving wastewater discharges, wastewater irrigation, water appropriation, industrial solid waste, air quality, hazardous waste processing, municipal solid waste, concentrated animal feeding operations, and low-level radioactive byproduct waste.
- Presented information at public meetings on procedural rights in TCEQ matters.
- Advised Commission staff on OPIC's position on procedural rights in permitting and enforcement actions.
- Served as lead counsel in innumerable contested case hearings and motion hearings regarding TPDES permits, wastewater irrigation permits, water appropriation permits, state air quality permits, concentrated animal feeding operation permits and registrations, grease trap waste

and septage composting permits, municipal solid waste permits, qualification of pollution control equipment for state tax incentives, and wastewater rates.

LEGAL CLERKSHIPS AND INTERNSHIPS

PACE ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION CLINIC, INC., White Plains, NY
Legal Intern, September 2003 – January 2004

Represented public interest environmental groups, predominantly the Hudson Riverkeeper, in citizen enforcement actions on various environmental and land use issues in state and federal court under a student practice order issued by the New York State Court of Appeals.

- Drafted a Reply Memorandum of Law that resulted in an order for injunctive relief against a county vector control program.
- Trained in case planning, client counseling, negotiation, and pre-trial and appellate advocacy.

PROFESSOR DAVID CASSUTO, Pace Law School, White Plains, NY
Research Assistant, September 2003 – May 2004

Researched and assisted in drafting a law review article concerning corporate criminal liability. Also researched and recommended substantive material for a new Animal Law course at Pace.

PRISON REFORM REVISITED: THE UNFINISHED AGENDA, White Plains, NY
Conference Organizer, September 2003 – November 2003

Assisted Professor Michael Mushlin in hosting and organizing this prison reform conference that brought together over one hundred experts in the field of Prisoner's Rights to discuss the state of the law and strategies for reform.

CONSERVATION LAW FOUNDATION, Boston, MA
Legal Associate, Summer 2003

Researched and drafted memoranda, petitioned federal environmental agencies, and drafted comments to state agencies on various complex environmental issues. Developed and participated in community outreach for the Natural Resources Project, the Climate Change Project, and CLF Ventures.

TEXAS RURAL LEGAL AID, INC., Weslaco, TX
Law Clerk, Summer 2002

Competitively selected for a funded fellowship by faculty and directors of the University of Wisconsin's Land Tenure Center. Conducted legal research, wrote memoranda of law, and investigated cases for the *Colonias Project*, which helps residents of unincorporated, substandard subdivisions attain title to their land and basic public services, such as running water, sewer, electricity, and road access.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association, Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources Member
State Bar of Texas Member
Environmental Law Institute Associate

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Animal Rescue League of Western Pennsylvania Volunteer
Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Pittsburgh Volunteer
The Wilderness Center Volunteer
Court Appointed Special Advocates of Allegheny County Volunteer