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EDUCATION

Lewis & Clark Law School

Portland, OR

J.D., *cum laude*, May 2002, Environmental and Natural Resources Law Certificate

GPA: 3.65; Class Rank: 9

Honors: First Place Team, 2002 National Environmental Moot Court Competition
Finalist, 2001 National Environmental Moot Court Competition
Best Brief, 2001/2002 In-School Environmental Moot Court Competition
Best Oral Advocate and Best Brief, 1L Moot Court Competition
Faculty Research Fellowship, Professor Craig Johnston
Dean's Scholarship

Cornell University

Ithaca, NY

B.S. Biology, Ecology Concentration, May 1996

Honors: Dean's List
Cornell National Scholar

CURRENT POSITION

Lewis & Clark Law School, Pacific Environmental Advocacy Center
Staff Attorney and Clinical Professor

Portland, OR
January 2005-present

Primary Responsibility:

Represent local and national environmental and public health organizations in legal matters involving water quality, air quality, and energy issues as part of law school's environmental legal teaching clinic. Litigate in federal and state court trial and appellate proceedings.

Represent clients in administrative agency decision-making processes. Supervise students' work on ongoing and developing cases. Co-lead weekly class sessions and conduct individual student meetings to discuss and review student litigation assignments.

Recent successes include:

- *Northwest Environmental Defense Center, et al. v. Owens Corning Corp.* (co-counsel, Melissa Powers) – Challenge in federal district court under Clean Air Act to Owens Corning's unpermitted construction of major manufacturing plant that planned to emit ozone depleting substance and potent greenhouse gas. Successfully litigated discovery motions and defeated motion to dismiss. Secured court decision finding that citizens

had standing to challenge actions that contribute to global harms such as climate change and ozone depletion. Negotiated settlement which prohibits Owens Corning from using HCFC-142b in Oregon and which requires Owens Corning to pay \$300,000 to local environmental projects related to energy efficiency and alternative energy options, as well as reasonable attorneys fees and costs.

- *Northwest Environmental Defense Center v. American Compost & Recycling* (co-counsel, Melissa Powers) – Challenge in federal district court under Clean Water Act for facility’s violation of discharge permit conditions and for unpermitted discharges of polluted storm water. Negotiated successful consent decree which will require company to eliminate storm water discharges to Columbia Slough and fund Riverscaping Project to create demonstration storm water control projects, such as infiltration wetlands, and other measures to educate the public, business owners and institutions about practical ways to reduce storm water pollution.
- *Columbia Riverkeeper, et al. v. Oregon Dep’t of Env’tl. Quality* (co-counsel, Melissa Powers, Brent Foster) – State court challenge to state-issued Clean Water Act discharge permit to pulp and paper mill. Negotiated settlement which will require plant to treat its waste stream, conduct monitoring of toxic pollutants, and fund water quality monitoring and habitat restoration work.

Additional Teaching Responsibilities:

Moot Court (co-taught) 2006 - present
Coach and judge student oral appellate-level advocacy during fall semester. Select team members for National Environmental Moot Court Competition (Pace University School of Law) and National Animal Advocacy Competition (Harvard Law School). Coach and judge practice rounds for national team members to prepare for national appellate-level competitions in spring semester. Travel with teams and provide coaching during national competition.

Student Paper Supervision 2005-present
Supervise, edit and comment on second and third-year law student Law Review and independent study writing requirements.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

United States District Court for the District of Oregon Portland, OR
Law Clerk to the Honorable Garr M. King September 2002-January 2005
Conducted legal research, prepared memoranda and drafted opinions and orders issued by the court. Assisted Judge King in handling hearings, trials and other court proceedings.

Lewis & Clark Law School, Pacific Environmental Advocacy Center Portland, OR
Law Clerk June 2001-August 2001
Prepared motions, memoranda and briefs for litigation on behalf of national and local environmental

organizations. Appeared as certified law student for oral argument in federal court.

Northwest Environmental Defense Center

Portland, OR

Student Director

May 2001-May 2002

Law Clerk

June 2000-May 2001

Conducted legal research for litigation. Prepared legal and policy comments on administrative agency decisions. Organized and coordinated Board of Directors' meetings and decisions. Ran student volunteer meetings and managed student volunteer projects. Taught Clean Water Act overview sessions for first-year law students and served as mentor for student projects. Organized successful fundraising events.

Northwest Environmental Advocates

Portland, OR

Legal Intern

June 2000-August 2000

Developed citizen tools for evaluating whether Clean Water Act clean-up plans, Total Maximum Daily Loads ("TMDLs"), meet legal requirements. Prepared memoranda outlining legal and policy options regarding TMDLs.

Public Interest Research Groups (PIRGs)

Washington DC; Chicago, IL; Los Angeles, CA

Environmental Advocate/Environmental Organizer

July 1996-August 1999

Directed the PIRGs' national "Toxics Right to Know Program." Worked with Congress and federal agencies to develop policy to expand toxic chemical emissions reporting laws. Managed \$400,000 grant. Testified at hearings on Superfund Program. Researched and co-authored five reports published by U.S. PIRG. Organized and empowered students to participate in campaigns.

PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

Making Friends with the Clean Air Act, speaker, Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, Eugene, Oregon, March 2007.

Citizen Tools for Enforcing NPDES Permits, speaker, Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, Eugene, Oregon, March 2007.

Climate Change and the Law, speaker, conference and CLE, Environmental Law Education Center, January 2007.

Citizen Hurdles to Climate Change Litigation, speaker, Environmental Summit, Florida Coastal School of Law, Jacksonville, Florida, November 2006.

Water Quality Litigation in Oregon, speaker, conference and CLE, The Seminar Group, Portland, Oregon, August 2006.

ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Member, Oregon State Bar

Admitted, United States Supreme Court; United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; United States District Court for the District of Oregon; Oregon Supreme Court and all courts of the State of Oregon

Board Member, Northwest Environmental Defense Center