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EDUCATION

CORNELL LAW SCHOOL, J.D., *Cum Laude* 1991
Winner, 1991 Upper Class Moot Court Competition
Winner, 1991 Louis Kaiser Prize (Best Brief Award)
Lead Oralist, Jessup International Moot Court Team
Moot Court Board; AmJur Award

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA, B.A., Political Science 1988

WORK EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE SCHOOL OF LAW, Irvine, CA 2010-
Clinical Professor of Law
Director, Environmental Law Clinic

Principal Areas: Environmental Law; Natural Resources Law; Public Lands Law;
Environmental Litigation; Comparative Environmental Law; Clinical Legal
Education; Administrative Law

Courses: Environmental Law Clinic; Advanced Environmental Law Clinic; Federal
Public Lands & Natural Resources; Administrative Law; Appellate Clinic

Service: Elected Faculty Advisory Committee (2010-12; 2012-14)
Elected Promotion and Tenure Committee (2014-15)
Moot Court Committee (Faculty Chair) (2011-14)
Academic Affairs / Curriculum Committee (2010-2012; (Faculty Chair) 2012-13; 2015-)
Promotion & Tenure Subcommittee (2011-12)
UCI Law Center for Land, Environment, & Natural Resources (Advisory Board, 2011-
Present)

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF LAW, Seattle, WA 2003-10
Associate Professor (2009-10); Assistant Professor (2003-2009)
Founding Director, Kathy and Steve Berman Environmental Law Clinic (2003-2009)
Affiliated Faculty, Canadian Studies, Jackson School of International Studies (2004-10)
Adjunct Faculty, College of the Environment (2009-10)
Member, Graduate School Faculty

Courses: Environmental Law Clinic; Administrative Law; Environmental Law: Pollution Control;
Public Land Law; Environmental Law & Policy; Expert Witness Testimony

Service: Elected Faculty Executive Council (2005-06; 2007-09)
Elected Faculty Merit Review Committee (2006-07)
Judicial Clerkship Committee (2003-09)
Part-time Appointments Committee (2004-05)
Continuing Legal Education Committee (2003-2004)
Advisory Board, UW Program on the Environment (2005-10);
Board Executive Committee (2008-10)
FLAS Selection Committee, Canadian Studies Program (2006-09)

Honors: Order of the Coif; Finalist, Philip A. Trautman Award (Professor of the Year) (2004;
2006); Fellow, International Canadian Studies Institute (2009).

SEATTLE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, Seattle, WA

2002-03

Director, Environmental Protection Section

Directed the Environmental Protection Section which provided counsel on environmental issues to the Mayor, City Council, and the City's executive departments including: Seattle City Light, Seattle Public Utilities, Seattle Department of Transportation, and the Parks Department. Included providing counsel on issues relating to Native American issues, water resources (water rights and water quality), fisheries, endangered species, contaminated sediments (CERCLA/RCRA), utilities, air quality, FIFRA, TSCA, post-9/11 emergency preparedness, and federal, state, and local legislation.

RIDDELL WILLIAMS P.S., Seattle, WA

1999-02

Principal

Managed, litigated, and resolved complex civil litigation matters at trial and appellate levels in federal and state courts involving mass torts, natural resources, environmental law, governmental investigations and criminal prosecutions, product liability, intellectual property, water rights and water resources. Worked with and supervised teams of attorneys and legal assistants. *Associate, 1999-2000.*

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, Washington, DC

1995-99

Trial Attorney, Environment and Natural Resources Division, General Litigation Section

Represented the United States and various federal agencies in a wide range of affirmative and defensive civil litigation of national significance involving the protection, use, administration, and development of the Nation's public lands and natural resources, including ocean resources and fisheries. As lead counsel, successfully argued cases in courts throughout the West including: Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah and Alaska. Commented upon proposed legislation, and assisted in the development of Administration policies concerning marine resources. *Special Achievement Award, 1999.*

JONES, DAY, REAVIS & POGUE, Washington, DC

1992-95

Associate

Practice focused on complex civil litigation matters including the defense of multi-district toxic tort actions, and natural resource and environmental matters. *Summer Associate, DC/NY (1990).*

U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE MORTON A. BRODY, Bangor, ME

1991-92

Law Clerk

Regular clerkship duties included conducting legal research and providing draft opinions, orders and memoranda for civil and criminal matters.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, Washington, DC

1990

Extern, Office of the Legal Adviser, Private International Law

Principal assignment was drafting the Message and Report for the Inter-American Convention on the Taking of Evidence Abroad.

ADMITTED

States: California, the District of Columbia, and Washington.

Courts: U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Washington, the District of Columbia, Colorado, and the Central District of California; the Court of Federal Claims; the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Ninth, Tenth, and District of Columbia Circuits; and the U.S. Supreme Court.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Fellow Travelers (in progress) (with Scott Schumacher & Carroll Seron).

William H. Rodgers, Jr., Michael Robinson-Dorn, Jennifer K. Barcelos, & Anna Moritz, Eds., *CLIMATE CHANGE: A READER*, Carolina Academic Press (2011).

Environmental Law at UCI, 1 UC Irvine L. Rev. 1081 (2011) (with Alejandro Camacho and Joseph DiMento).

THE TRAIL SMELTER: Is What's Past Prologue? EPA Blazes a New Trail for CERCLA, 14 N.Y.U. Envtl L. J. 233 (2006).

Teaching Environmental Law In The Era of Climate Change, 82 Washington L. Rev. 619 (2007) (reprinted in ICFAIJ. Envtl L. (April 2008)).

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND ACADEMIC SYMPOSIA

Engaging Students in Organizational Representation (with Professors Deborah Sivas and Helen Kang), AALS Clinical Law Conference, Rancho Mirage, CA (2015).

Do We Really Need a Revolution in Legal Skills Education? (with Professors Henry Weinstein, Rachel Croskery-Roberts and Ezra Ross), 9th Global Legal Skills Conference, Verona, Italy (2014).

Does the Environmental Movement Need More Color: Changing the Face of Environmentalism, CA State Bar Environmental Law Section, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, CA (2014).

Fellow Travelers, AALS Clinical Law Conference, Los Angeles, CA (2012); NYU Clinical Law Review Fourth Clinical Writers' Workshop (2011); AALS Clinical Law Conference, Seattle, WA (2011).

Clinical Law: For Whose Benefit(s) and Toward What End(s)?, San Diego Coastkeeper, U. San Diego School of Law, San Diego, CA (2012).

Climate Engineering: What Law Has to Say About it, Geoengineering: Science, Ethics and Policy Series, UW College of the Environment, Seattle, WA (2011).

The ESA Through a Different Lens: Ethics for Government Lawyers and The Lawyers Against Whom They Litigate, 18th Annual ESA Conference, Seattle, WA (2011).

Lecturer, *Empowering Sustainability on Earth*, Newkirk Center for Science and Society, UC Irvine, Irvine, CA (2011).

Co-Host and Moderator, *Ocean Acidification: Law and Governance*, Toward a Sustainable 21st Century (series), UC Irvine, Irvine, CA (2013).

Moderator, *Preserving the Environment of the Arctic Region*, Toward a Sustainable 21st Century (series), UC Irvine, Irvine, CA (2010).

Climate Adaptation, Energy Independence: Challenges Facing the West in Adopting Alternative and Renewable Energy Resources, University of Idaho Law Review Symposium, Boise, ID (2010).

Sometimes A Great Notion: The Development of U.S. Environmental Law, 1st Human Rights and Environmental Law Symposium, Korean Bar Association, Cheongju, South Korea (2010).

Obstreperous Counsel & Discovery Abuses: Ethics & Civil Practice (with Prof. Maureen Howard), UW Law School, Clinical Law Program's 30th Anniversary, Seattle, WA (2010).

Chair and Presenter, *The U.S. Supreme Court's Environmental Docket, Making Sense of the 2009 Term: A Harbinger of What is to Come?*, UW Law School, Seattle, WA (2009).

Respondent, *Environmental Law: Strategies Over the First 50 Years*, Toward a Sustainable 21st Century (series) UC Irvine, Irvine, CA (2009).

Clinical Orthodoxy?, (with Profs. Deborah Maranville and Jackie McMurtrie), Northwest Clinical Law Conference, University of Montana School of Law, Missoula, MT (2009).

NEPA, SEPA, Little NEPAs and Climate Change: A Litigation Update, Seattle, WA (2009).

Moderator, *A Tribute to the Honorable Betty Bins Fletcher* (environmental law & jurisprudence), UW Law School, Seattle, WA (2009).

Arctic Sovereignty: Cold Facts, Hot Issues: Legal Implications Relating to the Environment and Natural Resources, Southwestern Journal of International Law Conference, Los Angeles, CA (2008).

Panelist, *What is Truth?*, Program on the Environment: Meet, Greet, Teach, University of Washington, Seattle, WA (2008).

Moderator, *The Way In: The Future of Access to Northwest National Parks*, Seattle, WA (2008).

Transboundary Pollution Issues: Looking Ahead While Looking Back, 8th Annual National Tribal Conference on Environmental Management, Billings, MT (2008).

Co-Chair and Moderator, *UWLS Second Annual Climate Change Conference: Solutions for the Pacific Northwest*, UW Law School (co-sponsored by Washington State Bar Association and others), Seattle, WA (2008).

The Politics and Ethics of Finding Solutions to Climate Change: The Role of the Law and Climate Justice, Focus the Nation, University of Washington, Seattle, WA (2008).

Panelist, *Environmental Law Clinics: Views from the Inside*, PIELC, University of Oregon School of Law, Eugene, OR (2008).

Chair and Moderator, *Homebuilders v. Defenders of Wildlife*, UW Law School, Seattle, WA (2008).

The Impact of Climate Change on Water Supplies: Risks, 16th Annual Conference on Washington Water Law, Seattle, WA (2007).

Cases to Watch: An Update on Pending Litigation (with Jeff Kray), Water Rights in Washington: Implications for Water Supply and Development, Washington State Bar Association, Seattle, WA (2007).

Co-Chair, *UWLS First Annual Climate Change Conference: Law, Economics and Impacts*, UWLS (co-sponsored by Washington State Bar Association and others), Seattle, WA (2007).

Massachusetts v. EPA: What's All the Fuss About?, American Constitutional Society & Federalist Society, UW Law School, Seattle, WA (2007).

Chair and Presenter, *Of Salmon, the Sound, and the Shifting Sands of Environmental Law-A National Perspective With A Look Forward at the Career of Bill Rodgers and the Power of Ideas*, UW Law School, Seattle, WA (2007).

Moderator, *1000 Days of Opportunity: Building a 2010 Legacy for Washington*, Consulate General of Canada and the Canadian Studies Center, UW Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, Seattle, WA (2007).

Moderator, *Crossing Borders/Issues & Resolution Conference and Debate (Northwest Passage)*, Consulate General of Canada, Seattle, WA (2007).

Presenter, *The Third Trustee: Native Alaska & The Big Spill* (with Bill Rodgers and Michael Harris), PIELC, University of Oregon School of Law, Eugene, OR (2007).

The Ninth Circuit and the IJC: Pending Legal Decisions and Petitions Affecting Lake Roosevelt, Lake Roosevelt Forum Annual Conference, Spokane, WA (2006).

Saving Them From Themselves: Ethics, New Lawyers, Complex Litigation, and E-Discovery, Seattle, WA (2006).

2 Countries, 2 Clinics, 1 Ecosystem, AALS Clinical Law Conference, Poster Session, NY, NY (2006).

The Exxon Valdez: Lessons Learned for Washington State Oil Spills, Inaugural Conference, King County Bar Association, Environment and Land Use Section, Seattle, WA (2005).

Administrative Practice Before Environmental Boards, Washington State Bar Association, Seattle, WA (2005).

Is What's Past Prologue? The Trail Smelter, Faculty Colloquium Series, UW Law School, Seattle, WA (2005).

The Mighty Columbia: A River for All? Federal Litigation and the New Hatchery Policy, Seattle, WA (2005).

Transboundary Water Pollution: Tools for Protecting Water Resources that Don't Respect Political Boundaries, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation 51st Annual Meeting, Portland, OR (2005).

Teaching Professional Responsibility in a Clinical Law Setting, to a visiting delegation from Ritsumeikan University School of Law, Japan, Seattle, WA (2005).

Canadian Aboriginal and Cross-Boundary Issues, University of Washington Law School Foundation 17th Annual Indian Law Symposium, Seattle, WA (2004).

Public Interest Environmental Law: Issues and Challenges in the Pacific Northwest, Co-Lead, University of Washington-University of Victoria Faculty of Law Workshop, Victoria, BC (2004).

An Environmental Impact Review of the Most Recent Supreme Court Term, Washington State Bar Association, Environment and Land Use Section, Seattle, WA (2004).

Cheney vs. U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, Sponsored by the University of Washington Book Store and Environment2004, Seattle, WA (2004).

Lawyering While in Law School, UW Law School First Year Orientation, Seattle, WA (2004).

Keynote Address, Kathy and Steve Berman Environmental Law Clinic Dedication, Seattle, WA (2003).

Reserved Water Rights in the Snake River Basin Adjudication, UWLS Faculty Colloquium, Seattle, WA (2003).

Selected Guest Lectures at UW: *Climate Change and Human Rights* (2009); *Climate Adaptation* (2009) *Environmental Crimes* (2008); *Federal Reserved Rights* (2008); *Environmental Justice* (2006; 2007);

SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES AND COVERAGE

PBS SoCal Insider with Rick Reiff, *Controversial Water Project Heads to Court: UCI law school joins bid to block the proposed Cadiz water project in the desert* (Sept. 2012).

Spokane Public Radio, *Franklin County Farmers Fight Feedlot* (Oct. 2008).

McClatchy Newspapers, *Did Politics Trump Law in Case of Polluting Canadian Smelter?* (appeared in various newspapers including locally in Tacoma News Tribune and Tri-City Herald) (Feb. 2008).

Canadian Press, *U.S. Supreme Court Expected to Make Decision on Teck Cominco Case Soon* (appeared in local and national newspapers including the Globe and Mail) (Dec. 2007).

Canadian Press/CBC, *Teck Cominco's Chances of Supreme Court Hearing Diminished, Experts Say* (Nov. 2007).

NPR, Talk of the Nation, Science Friday, *High Court, U.N. Weigh In on Climate Change* (April 2007).

Seattle Post-Intelligencer, *City Light Can't Use Ratepayers' Money to Pay For Good Deeds* (Jan. 18, 2007).

NPR, Talk of the Nation, Science Friday, *Climate Change and the Supreme Court* (Dec. 2006).

Seattle Times, *Judge Strikes Down Hanford Initiative* (June 2006).

Seattle Post-Intelligencer, *City Light's Green Goals Will Be Put to The Test in Court* (May 2006).

KCTS (PBS Affiliate), *KCTS Connects: Salmon Recovery* (June 2005).

Seattle Times, *High Court Gives Little Guy a Break*, (Dec. 2004).

Seattle Post-Intelligencer, *New Hanford Battle Begins, Triggered by Voter-Passed Initiative* (Dec. 2004).

Seattle Times, *Hanford Initiatives Spurs Legal Rematch* (Dec. 2004).

NPR, Living on Earth, *State Initiatives* (Nov. 2004).

KUOW (NPR Affiliate), *Polluting Thy Neighbor – U.S. & Canada Crosswise Over Transboundary Waste* (Aug. 2004).

LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY

Washington House of Representatives, Select Committee in Environmental Health (invited to address constitutionality of state regulation of mixed waste) (Jan. 2008).

Washington Senate, Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications (invited to address constitutionality of state regulation of mixed waste) (Feb. 2008).

OTHER

Bellow Scholar, AALS Clinical Legal Education Section Subcommittee on Lawyering in the Public Interest (2011-2013).

Member, Board of Directors, Clinical Legal Education Association (2007-13) (Chair, Awards Cmtee 2011-14).

Co-Chair, AALS Clinical Legal Education Section Subcommittee on Lawyering in the Public Interest (Bellow Scholar Program) (2012-13).

Invited Participant, OTN (Ocean Tracking Network) Canada Symposium, Dalhousie University, Halifax NS, Canada (2011; 2012).

Contributor, *Preparing for Climate Change in Washington State, Washington Climate Change Impacts Assessment: Evaluating Washington's Future in a Changing Climate*, Climate Impacts Group, University of Washington (2009); CLIMATIC CHANGE (April 2010) available at <http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s10584-010-9850-5>.

Executive Producer, *THE THIRD TRUSTEE: NATIVE ALASKA AND THE BIG SPILL* (2007), an Emmy-award winning documentary film (2008) (short-form law school version documentary distributed 2009) and winner of the *Excellence in a Public Interest Case or Project Award 2009*, Clinical Legal Education Association.

Member, Washington State 2008 Climate Action Team: State Environmental Policy Act, Implementation Working Group (2008-9).

Member, National Parks Conservation Association, NW Regional Leadership Council (2008-10).

Co-Leader, Small Group Section, AALS Clinical Law Conference, Cleveland, OH (2009).

Co-Leader, Environmental Clinics Working Group, AALS Clinical Law Conference, Tucson, AZ (2008).

Editor, *Environmental News*, published by the Marten Law Group, Seattle, WA (2006-08) (a weekly electronic newsletter distributed to more than 30,000 readers per week).

Member, Advisory Board, GreenLaw: UWLS Environmental Law Society (2006-07).

A Land and Resource Management Review, in collaboration with the University of Victoria Environmental Law Centre Clinic, for the bi-national Skagit Environmental Endowment Commission, Seattle, WA and Vancouver, BC (2004).

Faculty Advisor, Pace Environmental Moot Court Competition; UBC/UVIC/UW Environmental Negotiation Competition.

Instructor, Deposition Training, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, Seattle, WA (2001).