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Legal Experience

Emory University School of Law

Clinical Professor of Law

Director, Turner Environmental Law Clinic

Director, Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program

Director of Law and Advocacy, Resilience and Sustainability Collaboratory

Atlanta, Georgia

September 2008 – present

September 2011 – present

August 2014 – present

January 2021 – present

Summary of Selected Environmental Legal Representations

- Represent nonprofit organizations in complex civil litigation before federal judicial and administrative tribunals; in legislative and policy matters at the local, state, and federal levels; and in land use and other transactions.
- Represent nonprofit organizations in investigating, understanding, and challenging violations of the Administrative Procedure Act; Atomic Energy Act; Clean Water Act; Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; Endangered Species Act; Food Safety Modernization Act; Freedom of Information Act; National Environmental Policy Act; National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act; and Nuclear Waste Policy Act.
- Testify, draft, and prepare comments on proposed statutes, regulations, and guidance documents; administrative decisions; zoning ordinances; environmental impact statements; and permits before federal, state, and local governments and agencies, including the Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Agriculture, Department of Energy, Department of Interior, Environmental Protection Agency, Federal Communications Commission, Food and Drug Administration, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Management and Budget, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Georgia Public Service Commission, Atlanta Regional Commission, and City of Atlanta.
- Advise nonprofit organizations, draft legislation, negotiate transactional documents, litigate, file amicus briefs, and prepare policy papers on matters related to sustainable energy and climate change, nuclear power and nuclear waste, land use and conservation, regenerative agriculture and food systems, protection of natural resources, environmental justice, and access to information.

Program Leadership

- Direct the Turner Environmental Law Clinic, a public interest environmental law firm housed within Emory Law School. Each year, the Clinic provides over 4,000 hours of pro bono legal representation to individuals, community groups, and nonprofit organizations that seek to protect and restore the natural environment and promote environmental justice. Through its work, the Clinic offers students an intense, hands-on introduction to environmental law and trains the next generation of environmental attorneys.
- Direct the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program, a comprehensive program dedicated to teaching, research, and public service in environmental law and policy. The program, ranked in the top-50 nationwide, includes more than a dozen course offerings, three full-time faculty members, ten adjunct professors, twenty externships, and the Turner Environmental Law Clinic.
- Direct Law and Advocacy for the Resilience and Sustainability Collaboratory, a “think-and-do tank” that generates innovative, interdisciplinary, and inclusive cross-sector solutions to complex problems at the intersection of global environmental change and social justice.

Teaching

- Teach courses at Emory Law School.
 - Environmental Law
 - Environmental Advocacy
 - Turner Environmental Law Clinic
 - Administrative Law
 - Contracts
 - Eating Ethics (university course)
- Hold a Joint Appointment in Environmental Health in Emory's Gangarosa Department of Environmental Health of the Rollins School of Public Health.
- Guest lecture throughout Emory University, including classes in the College, Laney Graduate School, Law School, and Rollins School of Public Health; at colleges and universities across the country, including classes at Georgia State University College of Law, Morehouse College, Senior University of Greater Atlanta, Spelman College, University of Colorado School of Law, and University of Georgia School of Law; and at the Center for American Law Studies at the University of Warsaw, Poland.

Faculty Service

- Serve as Senior Faculty Fellow for Emory's Center for Ethics.
- Serve as Faculty Fellow for Emory's Office of Sustainability Initiatives.
- Serve as Faculty Advisor for Emory's Food & Ethics Program.
- Serve as Faculty Advisor for Emory Climate Talks.
- Serve as Faculty Advisor for Emory Environmental Law Society.
- Serve on Faculty Committees, including (at various times): the Climate Action Plan Committee (chair), Community Building, Contract Faculty Review and Promotion Committee (chair), Curriculum Committee, Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee, Ethical Guidelines Committee, Experiential Learning Committee, Faculty Appointments Committee, Piedmont Project Advisory Committee (university), Provost's Distinguished Teaching Award Committee (chair), Public Interest Law Committee, Resiliency and Sustainability Collaboratory Faculty Advisory Committee (university), Search Committee for Assistant Dean for Public Interest, Search Committee for Director of Externship and Professionalism Programs, Sustainability Faculty Advisory Committee (university), Sustainable Food Committee (co-chair) (university and healthcare), Sustainability Vision Committee (university), Teaching Advisory Strategy Committee, University Faculty Council (university), and University Senate Committee on the Environment (university).

Fundraising and Budget Management

- Conduct fundraising activities, including identifying potential donors, preparing grant requests and reports, and developing and maintaining relationships with new and existing donors.
- Administer the Turner Environmental Law Clinic's budget.

Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP (formerly, Kilpatrick Stockton LLP)

Atlanta, Georgia

Associate

September 2006 – September 2008

- Represented clients in complex commercial real estate transactions, including the acquisition, financing, development, leasing, and disposition of office, industrial, and mixed-use properties.
- Drafted, reviewed, and negotiated purchase and sale documents, easements, covenants, declarations, loan and defeasance documents, leasing documents, zoning documents, title documents, corporate organization and authority documents, and environmental indemnities.

- Formed corporations, limited liability companies, and limited liability partnerships, and drafted the accompanying articles of incorporation, corporate bylaws, articles of organization, operating agreements, certificates of limited partnership, and partnership agreements.
- Reviewed Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments.

Hunton & Williams LLP

Richmond, Virginia

Summer Associate (offer declined)

Summer 2005

- Conducted legal work for the Resources, Regulatory, and Environmental; Real Estate; and Patent practice groups.

Selected Presentations

Important Environmental Decisions: Supreme Court Update, panel discussion at the DRI Toxic Tort and Environmental Law Conference (forthcoming March 2022).

Working Farms Fund - Scaling a Sustainable Local Food System in Metro Regions across the U.S., panel discussion at the National Farm Viability Conference (October 2021).

Congress Is Finally Tackling Climate Change – Will It Work?, presentation at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Emory (September 2021).

Food Waste to Renewable Biogas – Anaerobic Digestors that Tackle Climate Change Equitably, presentation at the Partnership for Southern Equity’s Just Growth Circle (August 2021).

How Federal Law Can Address Climate Change, presentation at the Emory Emeritus Faculty Colloquia (May 2021).

Zoning for Compost, presentation to the Georgia Recycling Coalition (April 2021).

Climate Change – It’s Real. So What Can US Environmental Law Do About It?, presentation at the Senior University of Greater Atlanta (March 2021).

Environmental Racism in the Deep South, panel discussion at Emory Law School (February 2021).

The Role of Universities in Building a Resilient Food System, presentation to College of Charleston Center for Sustainable Development (July 2020).

US Environmental Law – What’s Working, What’s Broken, and What’s Going On?, presentation at the Center for American Law Studies at the University of Warsaw, Poland (February 2020).

Climate Change: Policies to Address At-Risk Communities, panel discussion at Georgia State University’s Jean Beer Blumenfeld Center for Ethics (November 2019).

Applying NEPA to Urban Development, presentation at the Natural Resource Defense Council and Partnership Project’s Workshop on How to Use NEPA to Achieve the Results You Want (October 2019).

Georgia’s Energy Portfolio, panel discussion at the Institute of Georgia’s Environmental Leaders (September 2019).

Creating Engaging Online Discussion, panel discussion at the Center for Faculty Development and Excellence Summer Teaching Intensive (August 2019).

Environmental Law Clinics: The Secret Weapon for Saving Our Environment, panel moderator at the Turner Environmental Law Clinic's 20th Anniversary Conference: The Future of Environmental Law (January 2019).

Georgia's Energy Portfolio, panel discussion at the Institute of Georgia's Environmental Leaders (November 2018).

Transactional Representations for Environmental Law Clinics, panel discussion at the 2nd Annual Environmental Law Clinic Directors Conference (November 2018).

Shining a Light on Smart Solar Energy Zoning, panel organizer at the Georgia Environmental Conference (August 2018).

The Corporation and the Consumer: Responsible & Irresponsible Corporate Behavior, panel moderator at the 2018 ECGAR Symposium: The Corporation and the Individual (March 2018).

Like a Good Neighbor – Your Composting Facility Is There: Establishing Good Community Relations, panel discussion at the 2018 U.S. Composting Council Conference and Trade Show (January 2018).

Water Resource Management, panel discussion at the CREATE Conference (November 2017).

Resilient Cities – Atlanta's Path to Resiliency, presentation at the CREW Program on How Cities Will Change the World (October 2017).

Cities and Climate Change, panel discussion at the World Bank Law, Climate Change, and Development Conference (December 2016).

Georgia's Energy Portfolio, panel discussion at the Institute of Georgia's Environmental Leaders (November 2016).

The Importance of Environmental Careers, keynote speaker at Emory's 9th Annual Green Networking Night (October 2016).

Composting Regulation in Atlanta, presentation at the Mayor's Community Composting Program (August 2016).

Consent-Based Siting, panel discussion at U.S. Department of Energy Public Meeting on Nuclear Waste Storage and Disposal Sites (April 2016).

Food, Faith, and Farming: A LAMP Symposium on Growing Community, panel moderator at the Georgia Tech Leadership and Multifaith Program (March 2016).

Environmental Justice, presentation at the Global Development and Social Justice Workshop, Humphrey Fellowship Program (March 2015).

Key Environmental Issues in U.S. EPA Region 4 – Enforcement, panel discussion at the ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources Spring Conference (March 2015).

Water Impacts of Nuclear Power, panel discussion at the University of Florida College of Law, 21st Annual Public Interest Environmental Conference (February 2015).

America's Nuclear Future: Taking Action to Address Nuclear Waste, panel discussion at the Bipartisan Policy Center Conference on Nuclear Waste (September 2014).

The Practice of Environmental Law, panel discussion at the ABA Section of the Environment, Energy, and Resources Conference at Emory Law School (March 2014).

Agricultural Policy – Legal Implications, panel discussion at the University of Georgia School of Law, 26th Annual Red Clay Conference (February 2014).

Waste Confidence – What Is It and Why Does It Matter?, panel discussion at the Institute for Energy and Environmental Research Annual Workshop (July 2012).

Urban Agriculture Practices across the Country, teleconference presentation for the Urban Agriculture Committee of the Community Food Security Coalition (April 2012).

Farm to Truck & Table, panel discussion at the Southface Energy Institute's Annual Greenprints Conference (March 2012).

Zoning for Zucchini: Land Use Advocacy to Support Urban Agriculture, panel discussion at the 15th Annual Georgia Organics Plow Forward Conference (February 2012).

Understanding and Using the Freedom of Information Act, continuing legal education presentation at the Georgia Public Interest Environmental Law Coalition Meeting (February 2012).

The Role of Environmental Law Clinics in the United States, presentation before the Committee on US-China Relations at Emory Law School (June 2011).

Right Plant? Right Place? The Role of Nuclear Power in Florida's Energy Future, panel discussion at the University of Florida College of Law, 17th Annual Public Interest Environmental Conference (February 2011).

Selected Publications

Reiser and Goldstein, *Opinion: Getting Smart on Solar is a Plus for Communities*, Atlanta Journal-Constitution (July 2018).

Rudd, Goldstein, et al., *Climate Research Priorities for Policy-Makers, Practitioners, and Scientists in Georgia, USA*, Environmental Management (May 2018).

Goldstein and Sutz, *Opinion: Feds Should Make Ga. Power Put More Skin in Game on Vogtle*, Atlanta Journal-Constitution (May 2018).

Goldstein and Kitron, *'Tire'-d of Zika? Stopping Mosquitos in Their Tracks*, RiverCHAT (Summer 2016).

Goldstein, *The Political Fate of the Clean Power Plan*, Emory Law News (July 2016).

Goldstein, *Michigan v. EPA: Does It Mean More Than Mercury?*, Emory Law News (July 2015).

Goldstein, *Emory Law Students Comment Successfully for Client on FDA's Draft Produce Rule re: Need to Better Protect Farmers, the Environment, and Public Health*, ABA Administrative Law Journal (Spring 2014).

Curran and Goldstein, *Confirm Allison Macfarlane to the NRC*, The Hill (May 2012).

Goldstein et al., *Urban Agriculture: A Sixteen City Survey of Urban Agriculture Practices Across the Country*, Georgia Organics (August 2011).

Contributor to the following reports, published by Friends of the Earth:

- *Friends of the Earth: Toxic Secret* (2019);
- *Buyers Bee-Ware: Municipal Purchasers' Guide to Protecting Pollinators* (2017); and
- *Gardeners Bee-Ware: Bee-Toxic Pesticides Found in "Bee-Friendly" Plants Sold in Garden Centers across the US* (2016).

Contributor to Lee, et al., *Mass-Based Clean Power Plan Compliance: State Law Impacts on Allowance Trading Programs in Eight Southeastern States*, Natural Resources Defense Council (2016) (presented at the 22nd annual Conference of the Parties (COP22) held under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in Marrakech, Morocco).

Contributor to Kessler and Chin, *Food Equity, Social Justice and the Role of Law Schools: A Call to Action*, Resnick Program for Food Law & Policy (2015).

Selected Media Coverage

My work and representations have appeared in hundreds of news stories through print media, broadcast news, and the Internet, including coverage in: New York Times, Washington Post, National Public Radio, The Economist, The Hill, Atlanta Journal Constitution, Boston Globe, Chicago Tribune, Miami Herald, Los Angeles Times, Albuquerque Journal, Associated Press (AP) News, Law 360, Lexis Nexis News Room, American Bar Association News, and E&E News (Energywire, Climatewire, and Greenwire).

Boards and Community Involvement

Emory Climate Talks

Advisory Board Member, February 2021 – present

Emory Food Studies & Ethics Program

Advisory Board Member, March 2020 – present

Center for Global Safe Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene

Affiliated Member, May 2017 – present

Emory CREATE (Culture, Religion, Ethics, and the Environment) Program

Local Advisory Council Member, May 2015 – December 2017

Global Growers

Board Member, November 2014 – December 2020

Wholesome Wave Georgia

Board Member, January 2014 – January 2017

Environmental Protection Agency National Brownfields Conference

Planning Committee Member, June 2012 – May 2013

Georgia State University College of Law, Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth, Urban Fellows Program

Faculty Affiliate, August 2011 – present

Tri-State Conservation Coalition

Legal Committee Member, July 2011 – present

PATH Foundation

Special Events and Public Relations Committee Member, January 2011 – December 2011

Georgia Public Interest Environmental Law Coalition

Co-chair, September 2010 – July 2013

Member, September 2008 – December 2018

Awards, Certifications, and Fellowships

Emory University – Robert S. Hascall Faculty Sustainability Innovator Award

Award Recipient – 2021

Lawdragon – 500 Leading Environmental and Energy Lawyers

Award Recipient – 2021

Emory University Center for Ethics – Senior Faculty Fellow

Fellowship – 2019-2022

Emory University Office of Sustainability Initiatives – Faculty Fellow

Fellowship – 2018-2021

GreenLaw – Ogden Doremus Award for Excellence in Environmental Law

Award Recipient – 2016

Institute for Georgia Environmental Leadership

Class of 2015

Georgia WAND – Mother's Day for Peace Award

Award Recipient – 2013

Education and Admissions

Admitted to the District of Columbia Bar

Spring 2012

Admitted to the Georgia Bar

Fall 2006

Court Admissions: United States Supreme Court, United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Supreme Court of Georgia, Court of Appeals of Georgia

Member of: American Bar Association, *Section on Environment, Energy, and Resources*, and Georgia Bar Association, *Environmental Law Section*

University of Maryland School of Law

Baltimore, Maryland

Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*

May 2006

Concentration in Environmental Law

Class Rank: Top 5%

University of North Carolina

Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Bachelor of Science in Biology with Chemistry Minor, *with honors*

May 2002

Honors Program: Fall 1998 – Spring 2002