

EDUCATION

Columbia University

School of International and Public Affairs – New York, NY

May 2010

Master of Public Administration - Environmental Science & Policy

Lewis and Clark College

Northwestern School of Law – Portland, OR

1995

Juris Doctor and Certificate in Natural Resources and Environmental Law

Duke University – Durham, NC

1990

Bachelor of Arts - Political Science

Collective relevant coursework: Administrative Law · Applied Earth Systems Management · Climatology · Ecology · Environmental Chemistry · Environmental Economics · Environmental Enforcement · Environmental Ethics · Environmental Policy · Federal Native American Law · GIS · Hazardous Waste Law · Hydrology · International Environmental Relations · Natural Resources Law · Nonprofit and Public Financial Management · Public Management · Statistics · Water Law · Wildlife Law

EMPLOYMENT

Sea Shepherd Legal – Seattle, WA

October 2014 – Present

Legal Director

- Directing legal program of national and international non-profit environmental law firm dedicated to saving marine wildlife and habitats
- Overseeing worldwide network of volunteer attorneys
- Guiding information gathering efforts supporting potential and current legal matters
- Assisting with formulating outreach strategies to promote strong conservation message
- Performing gap analyses regarding application of domestic and foreign law in the context of international treaties, with a focus on cetaceans and sharks
- Working with coastal States to improve fisheries enforcement and to strengthen protections for marine wildlife
- Drafting and promoting legislation establishing marine sanctuaries

Betts Patterson & Mines – Seattle, WA

2010 – December 2016

Environmental Attorney (Of Counsel)

- Representing invertebrate conservation group in potential action against United States Fish and Wildlife Service for proposed pesticide spraying on National Wildlife Refuge in violation of National Environmental Policy Act and Endangered Species Act
- Providing remote representation to clients litigating matters involving administrative actions brought by United States Environmental Protection Agency and state environmental agencies

ConBio Consulting, LLP – Lincoln City, OR

2010 – October 2014

Principal

- Developing and implementing surveys on isolated Bahamian islands to assess population size, habitat preferences and threats to critically endangered West Indies rock iguanas
- Successfully represented Greater Yellowstone Coalition before Idaho Department of Water Resources in opposition to application to appropriate and store water for irrigation and hydropower from Bear River in southeastern Idaho (Final Administrative Order Denying Application issued October 18, 2012)
- Organized and coordinated protestant group composed of non-profits and private interests aligned against hydropower project that would destroy the last free-flowing stretch of Bear River, wipe out critical habitat, and terminate irreplaceable recreational opportunities

Wildlife Conservation Society – Bronx, NY

2010

Intern, Office of the President

- Analyzed trends in domestic and international markets for land-based carbon offsets in connection with Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD) projects, proposing development strategies for REDD offsets in voluntary carbon market

The Nature Conservancy – New York, NY

2010

Consultant

- Investigated patterns of population, land use, consumption, and income levels in regions surrounding The Nature Conservancy's major national and international projects
- Worked with client team using GIS mapping and statistical analysis to document conservation threats and to recommend potential solutions

Gordon & Polscer LLP – Seattle, WA and Portland, OR

2004 – 2006 and 1998 – 2000

Environmental Coverage Attorney

- Represented insurers in lawsuits involving environmental remediation, drafting written and oral discovery and dispositive motions, coordinating strategy among counsel, and collaborating with environmental engineers and state agency officials

Lane Powell Spears Lubersky LLP – Seattle, WA

2000 – 2003

Complex Litigation Attorney

- Litigated in all aspects of complex commercial matters, in addition to performing *pro bono* work for Puget Sound Keeper Alliance

Mitchell Lang & Smith – Portland, OR

1997 – 1998

Defense Attorney

- Managed substantial case load in multiple civil litigation matters, performing legal research, attending court hearings, and conducting extensive discovery

Ching Boertzel Dooley Civile Roberts & Calvo – Agana, Guam

1995 – 1996

General Civil Litigation Attorney

- Litigated civil and criminal matters, performing complex legal research, attending court hearings, and conducting extensive discovery