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CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center, Juris Doctor, 1999 (*cum laude*)

Honors: James John McTigue Essay Award (1999)

Law Review: Georgetown International Environmental Law Review

Princeton University, Bachelor of Arts, 1994 (*cum laude*)

Major: Politics



EXPERIENCE

Besseney & Van Tuyn, LLC, Senior Counsel, Anchorage, AK 2012 to Present

- Represent clients in a wide variety of civil litigation and regulatory proceedings involving environmental, natural resource, and land use issues
- Regulatory, litigation, legislative, adjudicatory, transactional, and media work relating to independent renewable energy producers and utility regulation
- Counsel clients on all aspects of environmental law and policy, including air quality, water quality, oil spill prevention and response, environmental assessment, contaminated sites, hazardous waste, mining, public land management, private land use disputes, and other subject areas

Vermont Law School, Associate Professor of Law and Acting 2008 to 2012

Director Environmental & Natural Resources Law Clinic, South Royalton, VT

- Served as executive director of Environmental & Natural Resources Law Clinic, including strategic planning, fundraising, budget, publicity, hiring, personnel management, student evaluations, and coordination with law school administration and faculty
- Supervised 5 to 6 staff attorneys, 9 to 11 student clinicians, and office manager/paralegal in civil litigation and regulatory matters
- Served as lead attorney in civil litigation and regulatory proceedings involving environmental, natural resource, and land use issues
- Taught regular spring course on Air Pollution Law & Policy
- Co-taught summer Environmental Law course
- Taught Clinic seminars on various topics relating to administrative law and civil litigation
- Organized and taught in International Climate Workshop series and led a delegation of faculty and students to U.N. Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark

- Published scholarly work and gave lectures and presentations on air quality, climate change, environmental justice, civil procedure, administrative law, and other topics
- Supervised students for independent research projects and advanced writing requirement
- Represented Vermont Law School, Environmental & Natural Resources Law Clinic, and various clients in television and radio interviews

Trustees for Alaska, Staff Attorney / Contract Attorney, Anchorage, AK 2004 to 2007

- Represented conservation organizations and other individuals and groups in civil litigation and regulatory matters relating to environmental, natural resource, and land use issues
- Counseled clients and developed coalition strategies relating to public land management within the Chugach National Forest and Prince William Sound and topics such as oil spill prevention, wildlife and endangered species, historic preservation, subsistence activities, transportation, and motorized and non-motorized uses

Perkins Coie LLP, Associate Attorney, Anchorage, AK 2001 to 2004

- Represented private sector clients in administrative, civil, and criminal proceedings
- Counseled clients regarding environmental and natural resource permitting and compliance matters, including oil spill prevention and response, water quality permits, land use, wetlands, stormwater, contaminated site cleanups, air emissions, solid and hazardous waste management, environmental assessment, endangered species, fish and wildlife regulations, and other matters
- Negotiated consent orders, contracts, real property documents, settlement agreements, and other legal instruments

Cooper, White & Cooper LLP, Associate Attorney, San Francisco, CA 1999 to 2001

- Represented private sector clients in administrative adjudications, contaminated site litigation, insurance coverage litigation, and shareholder class action
- Counseled clients regarding environmental compliance and contaminated site cleanups
- Negotiated public right-of-way agreements with 50 municipalities for telecommunications client

U.S. Dept. of Justice, Environment Division, Law Clerk, Washington, DC 1998 to 1999

- Researched and drafted legal memoranda on domestic and international environmental issues
- Participated in interagency meetings and prepared for industry-wide enforcement action

Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, Law Clerk, Washington, DC 1996 to 1998

- Drafted memoranda regarding the adequacy of federal agency implementation of environmental laws
- Drafted *amicus curiae* brief on the statutory and constitutional rights of public employees
- Submitted numerous FOIA requests and appeals

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Drafted white paper discussing legal framework and tools for development of low-impact shipping corridor in the Arctic
- Represented wind generation company in Superior Court and Supreme Court appeal proceedings concerning utility tariff applicable to independent renewable energy producers
- Successful rulemaking petition to bring Alaska utility regulations concerning independent renewable energy producers into compliance with federal law
- Counseled Alaskan-owned oilfield support company to improve compliance with air quality requirements and negotiated with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to resolve enforcement action
- Represented Alaska Native regional corporation as intervenor in federal court litigation to support U.S. Environmental Protection Agency efforts to protect salmon and water resources in Bristol Bay region from harmful effects of large-scale mining
- Drafted public comments to U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management on behalf of multiple public interest organizations relating to five-year planning, leasing, and exploration phases of offshore oil and gas development in the Arctic
- Drafted public comments to U.S. Bureau of Land Management on behalf of local tribal governments relating to Eastern Interior Regional Management Plan
- Successful advocacy before Kodiak, Alaska municipal government in opposition to development of sewage composting facility that posed a threat to health and safety of nearby residents and degradation of habitat for sea birds, wildlife, and salmon
- Represented homeowners and community members before Mat-Su Borough Board of Adjustment and Appeals in proceedings relating to proposed shooting range and proposed gravel mining operation
- Represented non-profit citizens' organization in litigation challenging State of Alaska issuance of gas license near Denali National Park
- Represented non-profit community project developer in multi-party contaminated site cleanup litigation and settlement negotiations
- Successful advocacy against U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit for 92-mile liquefied natural gas pipeline in Puerto Rico, which would have harmed more than 40 endangered species and numerous local communities
- Successful lawsuit against U.S. Environmental Protection Agency based on its failure to adequately regulate both conventional air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions from nitric acid plants
- Successful lawsuit against U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs relating to its approval of long-term lease for liquefied natural gas facility in northeastern Maine, which threatened endangered bowhead whales and local Passamaquoddy Tribe community
- Advocacy relating to air pollution and water contamination emanating from abandoned coal mine in western Pennsylvania
- Advocacy relating to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's development of coal ash hazardous waste regulations

- Lawsuit against the U.S. Forest Service relating to issuance of five-year heli-skiing permit on the Kenai Peninsula in Alaska
- Administrative processes relating to a variety of proposed projects in Alaska, including Sterling Highway Bypass, Cordova Oil Spill Response Facility, Nearshore Stratigraphic Test Well, and proposed oil and gas development at Katalla, Alaska
- Alaska oil spill contingency plan adjudication relating to Prudhoe Bay oilfield
- Federal and State of Alaska enforcement actions relating to petroleum contamination at a remote airport construction site
- Litigation and negotiations with U.S. Forest Service relating to cleanup of 24 contaminated sites in Southeast Alaska
- Developed comprehensive Environmental Management Systems Manual for a construction company operating in rural Alaska

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Presentation entitled *Renewable Energy in Alaska* at Mat-Su Democrats Egan Dinner, Turkey Red, Palmer AK (April 2018)
- Panelist in *Renewable Energy Forum* at Noel Wien Library, Fairbanks AK (April 2017)
- Panelist in *The Importance of Utility and Tax Laws for the Transition to Renewable Energy* at Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, University of Oregon, Eugene OR (Mar. 2016)
- Presentation entitled “*Waters of the United States,*” *Regulatory Jurisdiction Under the Clean Water Act: EPA Rule and Case Law Update* at Alaska Bar Association Environmental & Natural Resources Law Section Meeting (Sept. 2015)
- Co-taught spring semester Environmental Law course at Alaska Pacific University, Anchorage AK (Spring 2015)
- Author of white paper entitled *Looking Ahead: Energy Cost in Interior Alaska* (June 2014)
- Presentation entitled *Wind Power: Affordable Energy for the Interior* at Energy in Alaska Conference, Law Seminars International, Anchorage AK (Dec. 2013)
- Presentation entitled *Hydraulic Fracturing in Alaska* at Northwest Tribal Water Rights Conference, Anchorage AK (Oct. 2013)
- Panelist in *Looking Back for the Future: Why Traditional Environmental Law Is Still Relevant* at Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, University of Oregon, Eugene OR (Mar. 2013)
- Author of *Agriculture and the Clean Air Act*, chapter in *FOOD, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW* (Mary Jane Angelo, Jason Czarnezki, and William Eubanks, eds., Env'tl. Law Inst. 2013)
- Author of *Staving Off the Climate Crisis: The Sectoral Approach Under the Clean Air Act*, 40 ENV'T'L L. 1125 (2011), excerpt reprinted in *CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE LAW* (Chris Wold, David Hunter, and Melissa Powers, eds., LexisNexis 2d ed. 2013).
- Co-presenter in podcast entitled *What Can and Should City Planners Be Doing to Adapt to the Inevitable Threats and Crises Posed by Climate Change?*, Vermont Law School, South Royalton VT (June 2010)

- Panelist in *The Clean Air Act at a Crossroads: Turning 40, Confronting Climate Change* at Lewis & Clark Law School, Portland OR (April 2010)
- Panelist in *Environmental Justice Workshop* at Solutions Conference, Vermont Law School, South Royalton VT (Mar. 2009)
- Panelist in *Tools for Addressing Climate Change Under the Existing Clean Air Act* at Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, University of Oregon, Eugene OR (Feb. 2009)
- Panelist in *Addressing Contaminated Sites Workshop* at Environmental Action 2008 Conference, Vermont Technical College, Randolph VT (Nov. 2008)
- Panelist in *Environmental Litigation Workshop* at National Association of Environmental Law Students Conference / Solutions Conference, Vermont Law School, South Royalton VT (Mar. 2008)
- Presentation entitled *Due Diligence in Environmental Aspects of Real Property Transactions* to the Anchorage Association of Women Lawyers, Anchorage AK (May 2003)
- Presentation entitled *Recent Developments in Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan and Facility Response Plan (FRP) Regulations* at the Alaska Municipal Attorneys Association Convention, Anchorage AK (Nov. 2002)
- Presentation of articles published in *Environmental & Natural Resources Section Update* at the Alaska Bar Convention, Anchorage AK (May 2002)
- Author of student note entitled *Responsibility and Liability for Environmental Damage: A Roadmap for International Environmental Regimes*, 10 GEO. INT'L ENV. L. REV. 257 (1998)

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

State of Alaska

U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and First Circuit

U.S. District Courts for the District of Alaska, Northern District of California, District of Maine (*pro hac vice*), and District of Columbia (*pro hac vice*)

State of California (voluntarily resigned)

State of Vermont (voluntarily resigned)

PERSONAL

Volunteering: Greater Farm Loop Community Council, Chair (2016 to Present); Mat-Su Junior Nordics, Steering Committee Member (2013-2017); Magic Mountain Children's Center, Member of Board of Directors (2008-2011)

Activities: Hiking, backpacking, skiing, cycling, travel, gardening, pets, and chickens

Language: Spanish