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EXPERIENCE

DUKE UNIVERSITY NICHOLAS INSTITUTE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY SOLUTIONS 2008-present

Director, State Policy

Provide legal and policy expertise to public and private decision makers on environmental issues.

Key projects include:

- Unconventional oil and gas governance
- Develop framework for state energy planning
- Federal, state, and local governance of water resources
- Research eastern water law implications for protection of environmental flows.
- Research, in collaboration with utilities, accounting practices to account for ecosystem services from green infrastructure
- Develop water allocation policy for North Carolina General Assembly.
- Draft legislation related to water allocation, nutrient impaired waters for members of the North Carolina General Assembly.
- Develop policy of outreach and engagement to increase understanding of the impacts of climate change on North Carolina coastal communities.
- Help facilitate workshop discussing the Clean Water Act and potential reform.
- Facilitate policy development for impaired drinking water reservoirs.

Courses Taught:

State Environmental Policy Spring 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014
Energy Law Fall 2016

SOUTHERN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CENTER, CHAPEL HILL, NC

2003-2008

Senior Attorney

North Carolina water quality attorney:

- Developed programmatic work to protect water quality in North Carolina.
- Participated in water related stakeholders processes convened by the North Carolina General Assembly or the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources related to water resource issues.
- Represented the Southern Environmental Law Center or clients in litigation or policy initiatives related to water quality in North Carolina.

Select programmatic work as North Carolina water quality attorney:

- Developed policy objectives to offset impacts related to storm water, including drafting legislation, pursuing litigation, and participating in state stakeholder processes. Negotiated revised coastal storm water rules and legislation related to those rules.
- Worked with a broad coalition of environmental organizations to develop policy recommendations on a comprehensive water allocation program that will protect and preserve North Carolina's water resources.

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- Developed policy initiatives to secure protections for two of North Carolina's reservoirs, Falls Lake and Jordan Lake. Drafted legislation and coordinated bill campaign to initiate technical study of Falls Lake's water quality, to review the status of North Carolina's drinking water reservoirs, and to institute any needed protections to improve water quality for Falls Lake.
- Initiated legal actions challenging the constitutionality of the North Carolina Rules Review Commission and challenging the adequacy of federal National Pollutant Discharge Permits issued to municipalities pursuant to the federal Clean Water Act.
- Researched and drafted detailed legal and technical comments related to federal and state permits such as the air impacts and pollution abatement technologies for largest egg-laying facility in North Carolina, the ecological impacts related to building a protecting a transportation corridor through a national wildlife refuge, and the scientific foundation for a new storm water policy initiative.

North Carolina General Assembly liaison and lobbyist:

- Responsible for monitoring the North Carolina General Assembly and lobbying for specific water policy objectives, participating in defensive campaigns to ensure continued environmental protections, and coordinating with other environmental advocacy organizations on legislative campaigns.

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, RALEIGH, NC

2001-2003

Assistant Attorney General

Responsible for all aspects of implementation of the Smithfield, Premium Standard Farms and Frontline Farmers Agreements, including:

- Advised the Attorney General on implementation of the Smithfield Agreement and North Carolina animal feeding operation regulations.
- Implemented the Smithfield, Premium Standard Farms, and Frontline Farmer Agreements, which collectively allocated \$18 million to research and develop alternative treatment technologies for swine waste.
- Researched North Carolina administrative property, contract, and environmental laws. Reviewed and drafted legal documents including, legislation, permits, contracts, and pleadings.
- Developed the grant making process for distributing \$2 million yearly for selected water quality projects, including drafting and instituting the "Request for Proposals" process. Reviewed invoices, contracts, grant applications, and project management documents.
- Prepared and argued criminal appellate cases

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL SCHOOL OF LAW
Juris Doctor with Honors, May 2000

Honors: **North Carolina Law Review, Executive Articles Editor** 1999-2000
 Gressman-Pollitt Award for Oral Advocacy 1997
 Environmental Law Project, Speaker Chair 1998-1999

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Environmental Law Symposium, Editor Spring 1999

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, GAINESVILLE, FL
Bachelor of Arts in English, December 1994
Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, December 1994

SERVICE ON GOVERNMENT COMMISSIONS

NORTH CAROLINA ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION **2012-2013**
Appointed by Governor Beverly Perdue

NORTH CAROLINA MINING AND ENERGY COMMISSION **2012-2015**
Appointed by Governor Beverly Perdue and re-appointed by Governor Pat McCrory to serve a 3-year term ending June 30, 2015
Served as the Rules Committee Chair and the Vice-Chairman for the Commission

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

North Carolina Bar Association, CLE Program on Water Policy in North Carolina, Cary, North Carolina, January 17, 2013 (organizer and presenter)

International Risk Governance Council, Workshop on Unconventional Gas Development, Zurich, Switzerland, November 5-6, 2012 (participant and moderator)

North Carolina State University and North Carolina Green Industry Council, Annual Water Symposium, Presentation on Water Allocation Challenges in North Carolina, Raleigh, NC, August 2, 2012

National Association of Regional Councils, Annual Meeting, Presentation on Shale Gas Development, St. Petersburg, FL, June 13, 2012

Duke University Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions, Workshop on Impacts to North Carolina Local Governments from Shale Resource Development, March 12, 2012 (organizer, moderator, and presenter)

American Bar Association, Eastern Water Resource Law, Presentation on North Carolina's Approach to Water Supply Planning, Orlando, FL, May 20, 2010

Duke University Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions, Water Environment Federation, and the Johnson Foundation, Conference on the Clean Water Act, Racine, Wisconsin, October 26-28, 2009.

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PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

**North Carolina Bar Association Environment, Natural Resources, and Energy Section
Chair, 2010-2011**

**North Carolina Bar Association, Environment, Natural Resource, and Energy Section
Vice Chair, 2008-2010**

BAR MEMBERSHIP

North Carolina State Bar (2000)

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Water law

 Water allocation

 Environmental flows

 Water quality

Adaptation to climate change

Ecosystem services

Environmental law

Energy law

 Offshore energy policy

 Water and energy policy

 Unconventional energy

Administrative law

 Regulatory reform

Natural resources law