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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO SCHOOL OF LAW
J.D.

BOULDER, CO
May 1999

- Editor-in-Chief, *Colorado Journal of International Environmental Law and Policy*.

RHODES COLLEGE
B.A., Mathematics

MEMPHIS, TN
May 1992

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC, MCGEORGE SCHOOL OF LAW
Adjunct Professor

SACRAMENTO, CA
2022 – Present

- Teach three-unit Global Lawyering Skills III focusing on legal writing, research, and oral advocacy.
- Develop and deliver weekly lectures and interactive in-class assignments.
- Provide detailed written and verbal feedback to enhance student writing and performance.
- Collaborate with faculty on curriculum and department goals.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT DAVIS, SCHOOL OF LAW
Instructor

DAVIS, CA
2025 – Present

- Teach Trial Advocacy Skills class to second- and third-year law students.
- Evaluate student presentations and offer feedback on trial techniques, including opening statements, direct and cross examinations, evidentiary objections, and closing arguments.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE’S NATIONAL ADVOCACY CENTER
Legal Instructor

COLUMBIA, SC
2014 – present

- Instruct Department of Justice attorneys all aspects of trial techniques during annual two-week intensive Civil Trial Advocacy and Civil Rights Trial Advocacy classes.

UNITED STATES PEACE CORPS
Mathematics Teacher

OTSE, BOTSWANA
October 1993 – April 1996

- Taught mathematics as Peace Corps volunteer to more than 200 students at Moeding College in southern Botswana.
- Trained incoming group of fifty volunteers in teaching skills and effective cross-culture communication techniques.

PUBLICATIONS

Drought, Flooding, and the Fifth Amendment, 68 Nat. Resources & Energy L. Inst. 9-1 (2022).

Discusses legal approaches to drought- and flood-based Fifth Amendment claims, drawing on recent litigated cases. Presented as an invited paper at the Natural Resources and Energy Law Institute's 68th Annual Conference in Vail, Colorado.

"Taking" Stock of Flood Claims, Water Law Institute 13-1 (2021).

Analyzes flood-based Fifth Amendment claims and causation standards, with particular attention paid to the causation standards developed in recently litigated cases, with predictions on future legal developments in the field. Presented as an invited paper at the Rocky Mountain Water Law Institute's Mineral Law Series in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The Flooding of Eagle Lake: But-For Causation and the Doctrine of Relative Benefits in Flood-Based Fifth Amendment Cases, 34 Tulane Env'tl. L.J. 1 (2021).

Explores causation principles and the relative benefits doctrine in a recently litigated case arising from the operation of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project.

A Few Problems with Federal Judicial Takings Claims in the Court of Federal Claims, 94 Tulane L. Rev. 99 (2019).

Examines jurisdictional challenges in federal takings cases using a case study approach.

Fifth Amendment Taking Claims Arising from Restrictions on the Use and Diversion of Surface Water, 39 Vermont L. Rev. 753 (2015).

Provides an overview of water-based Fifth Amendment claims and offers practical guidance to courts and practitioners on navigating constitutional and practical litigation challenges. Presented as an invited paper at the 17th Annual Conference on Litigating Takings Challenges to Land Use and Environmental Regulations in Davis, California.

Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication & Ground-Level Ozone, 2000 Colo. J. Int'l Env'tl. L. Pol'y 208 (2000).

Reviews the protocol to the Convention on the Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution, with a comparison to a companion protocol enacted by the European Union.

Human Rights and the Environment: China's Three Gorges Dam, 1997 Colo. J. Int'l Env'tl. L. Pol'y 152 (1997).

Assesses the environmental and human rights implications of the Three Gorges Dam, together with a discussion of the project's financing.

EXPERIENCE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION
Various roles (currently Assistant Section Chief)

SACRAMENTO, CA
May 2001 – Present

- Manage and coordinate teams handling Fifth Amendment claims, national security cases involving border wall issues, and stream adjudications. Meet weekly with Division leadership to discuss and coordinate the Section's most pressing cases.
- Lead trial teams in defense of federal agencies in multi-million-dollar civil cases involving water management decisions, mineral extraction, tribal issues, and land use. Managed every aspect of more than one hundred civil cases, including eighteen trials, with a focus on Fifth Amendment property claims, breach of contract cases, tribal trust matters, and Administrative Procedure Act cases.
- Successfully prosecuted felony and misdemeanor crimes involving workplace death and animal abuse matters. Drafted indictments, warrants, sentencing memoranda, and plea agreements and represented the United States in grand jury proceedings and settlement hearings.

YOLO COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
Facilitator and Trainer

DAVIS, CA
2014 – present

- Facilitate mediation sessions with criminal offenders, victims, and community members to resolve misdemeanor and felony crimes using restorative justice principles.
- Train volunteers in conflict resolution and mediation techniques.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
Judicial Clerk to Judge Thomas Greene
Judicial Clerk to Judge Tena Campbell

SALT LAKE CITY, UT
January 2001 – April 2001
January 2000 – January 2001

- Worked closely with federal district court judges to resolve civil and criminal cases.
- Conducted research and wrote legal memoranda and draft opinions on diverse issues, including patent issues, constitutional claims, and sentencing matters.

Active Member of the Colorado Bar since 1999 (Bar Number 30929).