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### **EDUCATION**

#### **UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF LAW**

Juris Doctor, Magna Cum Laude, 1986, Order of the Coif  
Author, Note, *State Common Law Actions and Federal Pollution Control Statutes, Can They Work Together?*, 1986 U. Ill. L. Rev. 609  
Law Review Notes & Comment Editor, 1985-86; Law Review member, 1984-85

#### **FRIEDRICH WILHELM UNIVERSITY**

Bonn, Germany, Fulbright Scholar, 1982-83

#### **ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY**

B.A. Magna Cum Laude, 1982, Major: History; Minor: German and Political Science

### **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

#### **PACIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY CENTER, LEWIS & CLARK LAW SCHOOL, Portland, OR**

Managing Attorney/Clinical Professor of Law  
January 2008 to Present

- Managing Attorney for PEAC, Lewis & Clark's Domestic Environmental Law Clinic
- Co-Instructor for Environmental Litigation Course, 2-Credit fall semester course

#### **UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH SCHOOL OF LAW, Pittsburgh, PA**

Clinical Associate Professor of Law/Director of Environmental Law Clinic, September 2000 to December 2007. Responsibilities:

- During fall semester taught Legal Process (first year course, large section), Natural Resources Law.
- During spring semester, taught 7 credit clinical course on environmental advocacy, 4 hours of classroom teaching per week, supervise work by 6-10 students per semester on clinic matters, which include a wide variety of environmental advocacy matters.
- Coach for Pace Environmental Moot Court team.

**ENVIRONMENTAL LAW & POLICY CENTER OF THE MIDWEST, Chicago, IL**

Staff Attorney, 1998-July 2000

Practice Areas: Wild and Natural Places Project, specializing in legal advocacy regarding public lands management and preservation and wildlife issues; Transportation project, assisting with litigation regarding highway and sprawl issues.

**JENNER & BLACK, Chicago, IL**

Equity Partner, 1994 to 1998; Associate 1990-1993.

Practice Areas: Complex Litigation including Commercial, Civil Rights, and Natural Resources issues.

**BRONSON, BRONSON & McKINNON, San Francisco, CA**

Associate, 1987-1990.

Practice Area: Aviation and Real Estate Litigation.

**Law Clerk to the Honorable Milton I. Shadur, U.S. District Court**, Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Chicago, IL 1986-1987.

**LITIGATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY EXPERIENCE**

- May 2008 to present, Managing Attorney for PEAC, case work includes U.S. Forest Service administrative appeals, federal district court CWA, CAA, NEPA and ESA litigation, federal appellate court petition for review of FERC decision, and other NEPA related representations.
- September 2000 to present, supervising attorney for Environmental Clinic matters, including NEPA and NFMA administrative appeals and litigation in federal district court, challenge to river dredging permits issued by PA Department of Environmental Protection before PA Environmental Hearing Board, representation of grassroots group opposed to proposed turnpike in Southwestern PA, representation of local groups regarding air permit issues, representation of numerous individuals seeking compensation for damage caused by underground coal mining or oil and gas drilling, representation of groups challenging construction permits for new coal-fired power plant, representation of rural township regarding permit applications to conduct coal mining underneath the township, representation of individual charged with operating illegal landfill by PA DEP.
- Spring 1998 to July 2000, representing local grassroots environmental groups regarding administrative challenges to U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife, and state Department of Natural Resources decisions in Minnesota (Superior National Forest), Michigan (Ottawa and Huron National Forests and state wildlife areas) and Illinois (Green River State Wildlife Area).

- August 1998-September 1999, successfully challenged 3400 acres of proposed clear cutting in and around the Bell Smith Springs National Natural Landmark, Shawnee National Forest, Obtained Temporary Restraining Order, Preliminary Injunction, and Permanent Injunction, *Graber v. U.S. Forest Service*, No. 98-4247, slip op. (S.D.Ill. Sept. 27, 1999). Attorney fees awarded.
- April 1998 to July 1998, attorney for environmental coalition that convinced governor of Illinois to move location of proposed prison from rare sand prairie containing multiple endangered plant species.
- Fall 1997 to Fall 1998, lead counsel in *Rhodes v. Johnson*, 153 F.3d 785 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1998), successful challenge to Forest Service's categorical exclusion practices. Attorney fees awarded.
- August 1994 to May 1997, lead counsel for environmental groups that successfully challenged Land Management Plan for Shawnee National Forest. *Sierra Club v. USDA*, 1995, U.S. Dist. Lexis 21507 and 1996 U.S. Dist. Lexis 21038 (S.D. Ill.), *aff'd*, 1997 U.S. App. Lexis 14635 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir.). Attorney fees awarded.
- February to August, 1996, 48-day trial before the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois regarding Chicago's Aldermanic Ward Boundaries. Conducted direct and cross examinations of expert witnesses and multiple fact witnesses. Responsible for all aspects of pre-trial discovery, trial preparation and post-trial proceedings.

## **BAR ADMISSIONS, BAR ASSOCIATIONS AND LAW RELATED ACTIVITIES**

### Bar Admissions:

- Indiana, 1986 to present (inactive)
- Third Circuit Court of Appeals
- California, 1987 to present (inactive)
- Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals
- Illinois, 1990 to present (inactive)
- Pennsylvania, 2001 to present
- Oregon, May 2008 to present
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
- District of Oregon
- Northern District of Illinois
- Southern District of Illinois
- Southern District of Indiana
- Northern District of California
- Western District of Michigan
- Western District of Pennsylvania

Law Related Activities:

- University of Pittsburgh University Senate Anti-Discriminatory Policies Committee member, May 2001 to present (Chair from 2005-2007)
- University of Pittsburgh Board of Trustees Affirmative Action Advisory Committee member (appointed by Chancellor) from 2004-2006.
- Recent Alumni Advisory Board, University of Illinois College of Law, 1994-97.
- Lesbian and Gay Bar Association of Chicago, Judicial Evaluation Committee, 1996-98.
- Illinois Environmental Council, Board member 1997-99.
- Heartwood, Inc., Council member 1999 to 2007, Chair of Litigation Committee