




Environmental Law

BE READY TO NAVIGATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY



CASE WESTERN RESERVE
UNIVERSITY
School of Law



"I chose CWRU for an extensive legal education plus experiential learning in environmental law. I've done independent study on wildfire liability and researched lead poisoning in Cleveland neighborhoods. For my capstone, I worked for the Department of Justice."

Megan Goedeker '20

Megan Goedeker was president of CWRU's environmental law student organization, Law for the Environment, Animals, and Food (LEAF). After consumer advocacy internships in Cleveland and Akron, she spent a semester in Washington, DC, in the U.S. Department of Justice Environment and Natural Resource Division's Law and Policy Section. She was the 2019 recipient of the Stanley and Hope Adelstein Prize, an annual School of Law award for the best student essay on the environment. Megan is now an associate with an environmental law firm in Cleveland.

Environmental justice requires sharp legal tools. Carry your commitment to equitable resource development into regulatory agencies, nonprofits, and courtrooms with hands-on experience and research in CWRU's Coleman P. Burke Center for Environmental Law.

Breaking New Ground

Founded with a \$10 million endowment from alumnus Coleman P. Burke, the Center supports externship opportunities and scholarships for incoming environmental law students.

A noted environmental leader, Burke has served as a trustee or director of organizations including: the National Audubon Society, the National Forest Foundation, the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, and the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History.

We recently offered a first year elective focusing on legal issues raised by the Lake Erie wind project. The course provided 1Ls an opportunity to see how environmental law works on the ground in a high-profile setting.

A Global Perspective

We offer an International Environmental Law course and have summer and semester-long externship placements around the country and globe where students can get real-world experience working on international environmental law issues, including at the Center for International Environmental Law, the U.S. Coast Guard Office of Legal Counsel, and the World Health Organization.

Hands-On Training

Hone your research skills on real-life issues in labs and in our Environmental Law Clinic. Your work addresses the full range of environmental issues but focuses on environmental and energy justice concerns within the region. Spend your capstone semester in the clinic or at one of a number of externship sites where you can focus on contemporary issues of your choice.

Dual Degrees

Complement your degree in environmental law with a master's in a related field that enhances your career skills — think political science, public health, nonprofit management, or biochemistry. All told, we offer dual-degree programs with ten CWRU partners.

Dedicated Scholarships

As part of CWRU's comprehensive financial aid program, the Burke Center for Environmental Law offers scholarships to outstanding applicants in environmental law. The Center also offers students fellowship opportunities to work on environmental law projects, programs and publications.



Comprehensive Curriculum

- > Administrative Law
- > Animal Law
- > Climate Law
- > Energy Law
- > Environmental Health and Policy
- > Environmental History and Law Seminar
- > Environmental Law
- > Expert Witnesses and Scientific Evidence
- > International Environmental Law
- > Land Use Control
- > Nonprofit Organization Law
- > Public Health Law



Leading Faculty

Professor Jonathan Adler, a prolific author and researcher, directs the Burke Center for Environmental Law. He is the 6th most cited environmental and energy law scholar in the nation. His timely book on climate law and policy was published in 2023.



Externships

Externships include:

- > Center for International Environmental Law
- > U.S. DOJ Environment and Natural Resources Division
- > Fair Shake Environmental Legal Services
- > Western Reserve Land Trust



Graded A in Environmental Law*

BE READY TO COUNT YOURSELF IN



ONE AMAZING CITY

The Great Lakes are Cleveland's front yard, and that energy flows through a diverse and welcoming metro area with friendly, affordable neighborhoods, downtown glam, live music, and three professional sports teams: the Cavs, Browns, and Guardians. Superb public transit, including a rail link to Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, makes the area easy to explore.

“**A**”

ranking in 12 specialties

10 We rank 10th in the nation for practical training. (*preLaw* magazine)

100+

Ten law clinics and 100+ externships provide every 3L student with a capstone.

9 CWRU Moot Court and Mock Trial teams ranked 8th best in the nation in competition success

90%

of graduates employed or pursuing graduate degree within 10 months (Class of 2022)

30th

for faculty scholarly impact (Heald and Sichelman Study)

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