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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Case Western Reserve University School of Law Cleveland, Ohio
Stanley & Hope Adelstein Director, Environmental Law Clinic, January 2022 – 2023
Arthur W. Fiske Lecturer and Director, Environmental Law Clinic, January 2024 – present

Courses Taught:

- **Environmental Law Clinic**, 2022 – present
    - Led creation of the Environmental Law Clinic–the first of its kind in Ohio. The interdisciplinary clinic addresses environmental and energy legal and policy issues on behalf of individual clients, community organizations, and nonprofits.
    - Supervise 3L Certified Legal Interns to engage in litigation in courts and administrative agencies across Ohio, advise clients on environmental legal issues impacting their communities, and advocate on behalf of clients in various venues, including agencies and lawmaking bodies. The Clinic also provides practical training and substantive learning each week, including a mock utility hearing.
- **Environmental Law Practicum**, 2026 – present
    - Supervise 2L Certified Legal Interns in a hands-on experience working with clients alongside students in the Environmental Law Clinic. Students meet with clients, draft legal memoranda and documents on environmental law topics for clients. Students learn practical skills, from litigation-based strategies to negotiation to advising through the seminar component of the course.

OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Ohio Environmental Council (OEC) Columbus, Ohio
Vice President of Energy Policy & Lead Energy Counsel, April 2019 – December 2021

- Director of OEC's campaigns and initiatives to promote clean energy and energy efficiency, mitigate climate change, and secure stronger public health safeguards for Ohioans by building relationships with private businesses, decision makers, allies, environmental partners and other energy stakeholders to advance clean energy policy from the local to federal levels.
- Lead counsel in all energy litigation matters, working with utilities, businesses, and communities to create and implement plans for greenhouse gas reduction, and advance forward-thinking, cutting-edge energy policies through advocacy, communication, partnerships, and litigation.
- Co-chair of the OEC's Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Committee from 2018 - 2021.

Clean Energy Attorney, July 2016 – March 2019

- Represented the OEC at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, the Ohio Power Siting Board, and courts throughout the State of Ohio, working to implement clean energy and energy efficiency policies and projects, as well as advance grid modernization initiatives and electric vehicle and infrastructure adoption across the state. Additionally engaged in statewide policy and advocacy related to case work, including energy democracy and energy equity issues.

Leppla Associates Dayton/Columbus, Ohio
Associate, May 2015 – June 2016; *Of Counsel* 2021 – present

- Representation of individual, family and business clients in commercial and personal litigation. Areas of practice include environmental, real estate and zoning, land use, corporate matters, and contract needs.

Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease Columbus, Ohio
Litigation Associate, Summer 2009; January 2011 – April 2015

- Complex civil and environmental litigation, including consumer class actions, representation of alternative energy clients, toxic tort litigation, and other business disputes.
- Representation of alternative energy clients before the Ohio Power Siting Board, and appeals to the Supreme Court of Ohio. Advisor to wind energy clients across the state of Ohio on permit and construction compliance, as well as interpretation of proposed legislation.
- Provided clients with legal analysis and strategy on maintaining compliance with laws and contracts related to energy/recycling matters, including private companies and universities.

EDUCATION

The Ohio State University Michael E. Moritz College of Law Columbus, Ohio
Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, 2010
Activities:

- *Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law*, Editor-in-Chief
- Environmental Law Association, Vice President
- Public Interest Law Foundation, Vice President of Alumni & External Relations
- International Justice Mission, Publicity Coordinator
- Pro Bono Research Group, Managing Editor
- Civil Rights Moot Court Team, *William E. McGee National Civil Rights Competition*
- Independent Study with the Honorable Judge Algenon Marbley, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, 2010

Honors:

- Public Service Fellow with Honors
- CALI Award Recipient for Legislation
- Top Ten Oralist—William E. McGee National Civil Rights Moot Court Competition

University of Chicago Chicago, Illinois
Bachelor of Arts in Law, Letters & Society, *with Honors*, June 2006

- Dean's List 2003-2006
- *Edith Ballwebber Athlete of the Year*, awarded to the year's outstanding female athlete for overall contribution, skill, and sportsmanship
- Varsity Soccer – NCAA National Runners-up 2003, NCAA National Semi-finalists 2005
- Varsity Softball – All-Region Great Lakes 3rd team 2003
- Women's Athletic Association – Team Representative, 2003-04; Executive Board, 2005-06
- First UChicago student-athlete to participate in two NCAA postseason competitions in the same academic year

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & AWARDS

Power a Clean Future Ohio
Board of Directors & Executive Committee, 2023 – present

- Member of the inaugural board of directors for Power a Clean Future Ohio, a nonprofit focused on equipping local leaders for equitable, community-driven carbon reductions and building momentum for a clean, prosperous future for Ohioans.

- Board Treasurer, 2023-2025; Board Secretary, 2025 – present

Case Western Reserve University, Swetland Center for Environmental Health Cleveland, Ohio
Faculty Affiliate, 2022 – present

- Advising on the Swetland Center's effort to better understand the multifaceted relationship between environment and health.

Case Western Reserve University Climate Action Network Cleveland, Ohio
Office of Sustainability, Leadership Team, 2022 – present

- Collaborative, interdisciplinary effort to build connections and collaborations across campus and with neighboring communities.
- The network provides the structure to connect interest with action, increase participation, amplify and connect actions and opportunities, and seed new actions in sustainability.

Ohio State Bar Association Columbus, Ohio
Chair, Public Utilities and Energy Law Committee, 2022 – 2024
Vice Chair, Public Utilities Committee, 2021 – 2022

17th Annual Inspiring Efficiency Awards: 2021 Leadership Award
Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance

- Recognition of the Ohio Environmental Council Energy team for its dedication to defense and advancement of Ohio energy efficiency policy.

Green Columbus Columbus, Ohio
Board Member, 2018 – 2022

- Board member for nonprofit dedicated to promoting sustainable living and environmental community building in Central Ohio, which hosts Ohio's largest Earth Day celebration.

Midwest Energy News Network 40 Under 40, 2017

- Recipient of Network's (*now Canary Media*) 40 Under 40 award, recognizing the work of emerging leaders in the Midwest on America's transition to a clean energy economy.

New Directions Career Center Columbus, Ohio
Board of Trustees, 2014 – 2020; *Women of Promise Committee*, 2014 – 2020
Chair, Women of Promise Committee, 2018

- Advisor to non-profit that provides career counseling, employment-related education and services to women in transition to help them achieve and maintain economic self-sufficiency.

GUEST LECTURES

- University of Cincinnati: Social Justice & the City Course, Professor Terry Grundy (for Bachelor in Community Planning or the Bachelor of Science in Urban Studies, as well as grad students)
    - Guest Lecture: Environmental Justice (February 2020)
- The Ohio State University: Energy, the Environment & the Economy, Professor Brent Sohngen and Bruce Braine (for Sustainability Majors)
    - Guest Lecture: Environmental Perspectives on Renewable Energy in Ohio and Fall out from House Bill 6 (November 2020)

- Loyola University Chicago, School of Environmental Sustainability: Environmental Law, Professor Gilbert Michaud
    - Guest Lecture: Administrative Hearings and Utility Accountability (Fall semester 2021)
- University of Dayton, 2021 Women in Clean Energy Conference
    - Clean Energy Regulation and Policy (September 22, 2021)
- Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Climate Law - Prof. Nagusky
    - CWRU Undergrad engineering group/class in 2022
    - CWRU Karen Mulloy
    - CSU: Intro to Urban Affairs (Prof. Leah Hudnall)
        - FirstEnergy/ELC
    - CWRU May 2023 ELC Overview

PRESENTATIONS

- Kegler Brown: Real Talk: Culture, Vision + Conversation
    - Environmental Justice & Fair Housing with Dion Mensah, Energy Justice Fellow at Ohio Environmental Council (April 28th, 2022)
- Franklin Park Conservatory: Sustainability Team
    - Environmental Justice (June 17, 2021)
- Ohio Chapter of the Women's Energy Network
    - Leveling the Playing Field for Clean Energy (June 2, 2021)
- Ohio Public Interest Environmental Law Conference: In Pursuit of Energy Justice for All
    - Keynote Address with SeMia Bray of Black Environmental Leaders: Understanding the Energy Jobs & Justice Act and its Bold Vision for Ohio's Future (September 29, 2022)
- Public Affairs Discussion Group, Prof. Joseph White (November 28, 2022)
- 7th Annual University of Houston: Miranda Leppla, Director, Case Western Reserve University School of Law Burke Center Environmental Law Clinic – The First Energy Scandal and geo-political spillover risks form state corruption to electricity markets
    - https://law.uh.edu/eenrcenter/North-American/2023.asp
- Cuyahoga County Monthly Sustainability Meetings, September 2023: CWRU Environmental Law Clinic Update (Starts near 37:30) https://youtu.be/SNP-UFXBP1E

PUBLICATIONS

Reducing Barriers to Coastal Public Beach Access, Sustainable Development Code Ch. 6.3 Environmental Justice, Elisabeth Schanz, Author; Melissa Scanlan, Shelby Green, Miranda Leppla, Stephanie Otts, Editors (June 2023), *available at* https://sustainablecitycode.org/.

BAR ADMISSIONS

Ohio, U.S. District Court, N.D. Ohio, U.S District Court, S.D. Ohio