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CURRENT POSITION:

WIDENER UNIVERSITY COMMONWEALTH LAW SCHOOL, Harrisburg, PA
Assistant Professor, July 2023 to Present
Courses: Natural Resources Law; Administrative Law; Animal Law; and Property II
Director, Environmental and Sustainability Center, July 2023 to Present

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND FRANCIS K. CAREY SCHOOL OF LAW, Baltimore, MD
Visiting Assistant Professor, July 2022 to June 2023
Courses: Land Use Law and Sustainability; Natural Resources; Food, Farming, and Sustainability.
Adjunct Faculty Member, January 2016 to May 2022
Courses: Animal Law; Food, Farming, and Sustainability; Land Use Law and Sustainability; and Lawyering I/II.

SALISBURY UNIVERSITY, Salisbury, Maryland
Adjunct Faculty Member, Spring Semester 2014
Created and taught an upper-level course titled “Land Use Management and Maryland’s Critical Area Act”.

PUBLICATIONS:

Growing Carbon Credits: Strengthening the Agricultural Sector’s Participation in Voluntary Carbon Markets through Law and Policy, 31 N.Y.U. ENV’T L. J. 65 (2023)

Martinez-Cuevas v. DeRuyter Brothers and COVID-19: Is it Time to Re-examine Farmworker Labor Protections?, 17 J. FOOD L. & POL’Y 130 (2021) (with Margaret Todd)

The Oyster vs. the View: Legal Attempts to Hinder Maryland’s Shellfish Aquaculture Industry, 35 Nat. Res. & Env’t, no. 4, 2021, at 19 (with Danielle Naundorf)

U-Pick- Are Agritourism Workers Exempt from the Wage and Hour Protections of the Fair Labor Standards Act? 17 U. MD. L.J. RACE, RELIGION, GENDER & CLASS 29 (2017)

PAST EXPERIENCE:

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND FRANCIS K. CAREY SCHOOL OF LAW, Baltimore, MD
Agriculture Law Education Initiative, Managing Director, August 2018 to Present
Senior Legal Specialist and Research Associate, December 2014 to Present
Researched analyzed, and published resources on complex legal topics of relevance to the agricultural sector such as compliance with state and federal environmental laws; the negotiation, drafting, and interpretation of contracts; and the applicability of labor laws, food safety liability, and land use restrictions. Managed a diverse portfolio of state and federal grants. Created and delivered legal education presentations.

COWDREY THOMPSON, P.C., Easton, MD
Attorney, January 2010 to December 2014
Maintained a diverse civil practice with a focus on real estate transactions and environmental compliance. Advised clients on real estate issues related to natural resource protection, purchases, private and public rights-of- way, and conservation easements. Represented municipal clients and provided advice on the use of public lands and the legality of proposed legislation. Litigated civil cases in Maryland and D.C. courts. Effectively handled a large caseload and led teams of professionals in the successful implementation of development projects.

PARKER COUNTS & MELTON, L.L.P., Easton, MD
Attorney, August 2007 to December 2009
Practice areas included civil litigation, real estate, and land use law. Managed teams comprised of environmental experts, engineers, and other attorneys to accomplish client goals. Represented clients in real estate related administrative proceedings. Litigated civil cases in Maryland circuit and district courts. Researched and drafted briefs for Maryland appellate courts.

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SCHALLER & GORSKI, L.L.P., Annapolis, MD

Attorney, August 2005 to August 2007

Primary focus on environmental, land use, and civil litigation. Counseled clients on a broad range of land use and environmental compliance matters such as zoning and Clean Water Act violations. Performed legal research, drafted pleadings, and memoranda, evaluated environmental legislation on federal and state levels, participated in administrative proceedings, and other advocacy-related pursuits.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Past Chair, Member, Maryland State Bar Association, Agricultural Law Section.

Organizer, Agriculture Law Education Initiative, Agricultural and Environmental Law Conference, 2015-2022.

Presenter, International Natural Resources Rule of Law Forum, Zhengzhou University, “U.S. Farmland Protection Laws”, June 25, 2022.

Presenter, Environmental Law Institute, Summer School Series, “Basics of Land Use and Energy Law”, 2019-2021.

Presenter, Center for Watershed Protection, 2021 Sustainable Watersheds & Agriculture Symposium, “Agricultural Conservation Leasing”, October 27, 2021.

Presenter, American Agricultural Law Association, Annual Symposium, “The First Year of Food Safety Modernization Act Produce Safety Rule Inspections: Top Legal Issues”, November 9, 2019.

Presenter, Sustainability at the Nexus of Food, Energy, Water, Climate and Health, University of Maryland College Park, “Sustainable Agriculture Profitable Adaption for the Future”, April 2, 2019.

Board member, Academy of Food Law and Policy, 2022-Present.

EDUCATION:

ELISABETH HAUB SCHOOL OF LAW (formerly Pace University), White Plains, NY

Juris Doctor, *Cum Laude* and Environmental Law Certificate, May 2005

Honors: Dean’s List; University Merit Scholarship; Environmental Litigation Clinic

Pace University Environmental Law Review, Operations and Symposium Editor

WASHINGTON COLLEGE, Chestertown, MD

Bachelor of Arts, Environmental Studies, May 2002

Honors: Dean’s List, Achievement in Service Award 2000

BAR ADMISSIONS: Licensed to practice in Maryland and the District of Columbia.