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Academic Appointment: **Rutgers University School of Law - Camden**, Camden, New Jersey. 2011-present. Assistant Professor. Teaching Natural Resources and Administrative Law. Awarded New Full Time Professor of the Year (2012). Chairing the Career Services, Judicial Clerkships, and Professionalism Committee (2012-2013).

Education: **Georgetown University Law Center**, Washington, D.C.
J.D. *cum laude*, 1995. Dean's List Second and Third Years.

Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut.
B.A. *cum laude* in Psychology, 1990. Distinction in Psychology.

Publications: *Eagles, Indian Tribes, and the Free Exercise of Religion*, 47 **LOYOLA L.A. L. REV. __** (forthcoming 2013).

Leveling the Deference Playing Field, 90 **OREGON L. REV.** 583 (2011).

A History of the Military Authority Exception in the Administrative Procedure Act, 62 **ADMIN. L. REV.** 673 (2010).

Revealing Redundancy: The Collision Between Federal Sovereign Immunity and Nonstatutory Review, 54 **DRAKE L. REV.** 77 (Fall 2005), republished in Chinese in 29 ADMIN. ACTION AND ADMIN. LITIG. 510 (2008).

Accepting the Relegation of Taking Claims to State Courts: The Federal Courts' Misguided Attempts to Avoid Preclusion under Williamson County, 26 **ECOLOGY LAW QUARTERLY** 1 (1999).

Recognizing Gay and Lesbian Families: Marriage and Parental Rights, 5 **TULANE JOURNAL OF LAW AND SEXUALITY** 513 (1995).

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Professional Experience:

United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 1999-2011.
Attorney in Appellate Section of Environment & Natural Resources Division. Wrote more than one hundred appellate briefs and presented more than sixty oral arguments in three state supreme courts, two state appellate courts, and thirteen federal courts of appeals, with two *en banc*, in a wide range of areas, including environmental, administrative, and constitutional law, both civil and criminal. Drafted briefs for filing in the Supreme Court. Prepared memoranda for the Solicitor General recommending appellate action. Advised attorneys in trial sections and agencies. Reviewed briefs by other attorneys. Mentored new attorneys and supervised summer interns.

Baltimore City Department of Law, Baltimore, Maryland. 1996-1999.
Assistant Solicitor. Litigated primarily Section 1983 cases raising constitutional issues in federal trial and appellate courts. Advised City agencies on constitutional and administrative law issues.

Institute for Public Representation, Washington, D.C. Fall 1994.
Law Clerk (full time) in Georgetown University Law Center clinic.

Professor David J. McCarthy, Jr., Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C. 1993-1995. Research Assistant to Property & Local Government Law professor.

Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund, Washington, D.C. Summer 1994.
Law Clerk at public interest law firm.

Water Environment Federation, Alexandria, Virginia. Summer 1993.
Intern for General Counsel of non-profit, scientific association.

Connecticut Council on Environmental Quality, Hartford, Connecticut. 1990-1992.
Sole assistant to Executive Director of advisory state agency. Analyzed and prepared reports on state environmental policies. Mediated disputes between citizens and state agencies. Participated in negotiations on environmental legislation.

Clerkship:

Chief Judge Robert C. Murphy, Court of Appeals of Maryland, Annapolis, Maryland. 1995-1996. Law Clerk to Chief Judge of highest state court.

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Presentations: *The Administrative Procedure Act is a Superstatute – And Why it Matters*, NYC-Area Junior Faculty Colloquium, Fordham Law School, New York, 2012; Rutgers Law Junior Faculty Colloquium, Newark, 2013; Developing Ideas Workshop, University of Kentucky College of Law, Lexington, 2013.

Alleviating the Tension Between Species Preservation and Religious Freedom, Junior Environmental Law Professor Workshop, American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C., 2012; New Scholars Workshop, Southeast Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Amelia Island, Florida, 2012; Colloquium on Environmental Scholarship, Vermont Law School, South Royalton, 2012; Mid-Atlantic Law and Society Association Conference, Philadelphia, 2012; New Voices in Administrative Law, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 2013.

Eagles and Religion, N.Y.U. First Amendment and Animal Law Workshop, 2010.

Strategic Environmental Planning for the Department of Defense, U.S. Navy Advanced Environmental Law course, Washington, D.C., 2005.

Federal Sovereign Immunity, Marine Corps Environmental Conference, San Diego, 2005.

Non-human Rights and Biological Diversity, commentator on draft article, Georgetown University Law Center Environmental Research Workshop, Washington, D.C., 2002.

Jurisdictional Issues in Takings Litigation, Georgetown University Law Center Conference on Litigating Regulatory Takings Claims, Miami, 2001.

Conferences: Workshop on Law, Religion, and Culture, University of Colorado Law School, Boulder, 2011 (invited).

Conference on the Impact of Climate Change on Tribal Resource Management, University of Georgia, Athens, 2011 (invited).

Awards: U.S. Department of Justice, Environment & Natural Resources Division nominee for the Attorney General's John Marshall Award for the Handling of Appeals, 2010.
U.S. Department of Justice, Special Commendation for Outstanding Service, 2001, 2004.
U.S. Department of Justice, Special Achievement Award, 2002, 2005.
U.S. Department of Justice, Outstanding Performance Rating, 2006, 2008, 2009.
American Bar Association Section of Urban, State and Local Government Law, Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Performance in Land Use Law, 1995.

Admitted to practice in Maryland, the District of Columbia, thirteen federal courts of appeals, and the United States Supreme Court.