

# Kelly Bitov

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## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

### **Partnership for Policy Integrity, Pelham, MA**

September 2012 - Present

Attorney: Engage in environmental litigation, policy work and advocacy challenging the development of biomass power in the U.S, working closely with the Partnership's Director, Mary Booth, PhD. Provide legal assistance to larger environmental non-profits including the Pennsylvania Clean Air Council, Earthjustice, the Center for Biological Diversity, Clean Air Task Force and GreenLaw, as well as community groups surrounding individual power plants. Work with Arise for Social Justice and other Springfield, Massachusetts community groups to implement a long-term, Environmental Justice-focused clean air campaign in the aftermath of the community's Palmer Renewable Energy successes. Submit comments on state and federal biomass-related legislation.

### **Project for Energy Accountability (EcoLaw), Cambridge, MA**

January 2013 - Present

Associate Attorney: Work with EcoLaw attorneys to help the Pilgrim Coalition watchdog Entergy's Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station located in Plymouth, Massachusetts, and protect local residents from threats to public health and the environment.

### **Strategic Counsel, Amherst, MA**

December 2012 - March 2013

Associate Attorney: Co-authored response letters defending environmental shareholder proposals before the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Clients included shareholders of Citigroup, PNC, Entergy, Dominion, and other major U.S. corporations. Shareholder proposal topics included corporate nuclear waste storage policy, corporate policy regarding environmental impacts of mercury from dental amalgam and corporate global warming policies.

### **The Sierra Club, San Francisco, CA Environmental Law Program**

September - December 2011

Legal Intern: Performed legal and factual research supporting environmental litigation and advocacy. Wrote internal legal memoranda. Research topics included regional grid reliability planning processes, environmental assessment requirements for gasification plants and phosphate mining, review of residual risk analysis for Oil and Natural Gas NESHAP, the role of the CWA in transboundary water pollution and applicability of discovery rules to activists working with the Club.

### **United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. Environment and Natural Resources Division Environmental Enforcement Section**

March - June 2011

Law Clerk: Performed legal research supporting trial attorneys in litigation and negotiation in cases enforcing major federal environmental laws. Wrote internal legal memoranda and drafted pleadings. Conducted document review. Observed CERCLA settlement negotiations.

**Conservation Law Foundation (CLF), Boston, MA**

September - November 2010

Legal Intern: Performed legal and factual research on environmental law claims, supporting Attorneys Shanna Cleveland and Rafael Mares in litigation, policy development and collaboration with community partners. Research areas included transportation, environmental justice, clean water, clean air and alternative energy. Represented CLF at external meetings with community organization partners and at EPA-led Mystic River Watershed Committee meetings.

**Medical Legal Partnership, Boston Medical Center, Boston, MA**

February - May 2010

Legal Intern: Worked with low-income clients and their health care providers coordinating medical care with legal advocacy in housing, utilities, income support, education and immigration matters. Performed legal research. Represented MLP at external meetings with the Health Disparities Action Network, health care providers and community partners.

**Massachusetts Superior Court, Woburn, MA and Lawrence, MA  
The Honorable Leila Kern**

June - August 2009

Judicial Intern: Observed and assisted Judge Kern in criminal proceedings. Observed civil proceedings in other courtrooms and mediation sessions. Conducted independent legal research project and wrote memorandum on the immigration consequences of criminal sentences.

## **LAW-RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Kaplan, Friedman and Associates, Boston, MA**  
*(Formerly Kaplan, O'Sullivan and Friedman, LLP)*

June 2007 - July 2008

Immigration Paralegal: Performed document and case preparation in family and employment-based immigration cases. Drafted letters and memoranda, interviewed clients for affidavits, conducted country condition research, and prepared and filed documents with Boston Immigration Court and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Observed appeals.

## **EDUCATION**

**Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA.** J.D. January 2012

**Tufts University School of Medicine, Boston, MA.** Masters in Public Health, February 2012

**Barnard College, New York, NY.** B.A., *cum laude*, Political Science, May 2007

**Gann Academy, The New Jewish High School of Greater Boston, Waltham, MA.** June 2003

## **BAR ADMISSION, PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

Admitted to the **Massachusetts Bar**, November 2012

Boston Bar Association, Member

Women's Bar Association, Member of the Western Massachusetts Chapter

Hampshire County Bar Association, Member

Earthdance Creative Living Project, Board Member