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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/Columbia University, New York, NY. B.A., *cum laude*, Political Science, May 2007

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Nine Mountain Retreats, Plainfield, MA October 2014 – Present

Owner and General Manager: Own and operate Nine Mountain Retreats, hosting a variety of transformational programming and teachers guiding intensive, immersive experiences in somatic, spiritual, environmental and healing practices.

Strategic Counsel, Amherst, MA December 2012 – Present

Associate Attorney: Assist in defense of environmental and governance related shareholder proposals to major U.S. corporations before the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. (Winter only)

Earthdance Creative Living Project, Plainfield, MA June 2017 – March 2018

Interim Operations Manager: Oversaw and managed all aspects of daily operations, through coordination and collaboration with all members of staff, volunteers, event organizers and facilitators. Oversaw volunteer program and experience as direct supervisor for 5-10 volunteers.

Hampshire College, Amherst, MA June 2013 – June 2016

Visiting Assistant Professor of Environmental Law and Human Rights: Designed and taught two experiential courses on environmental activism, legal systems and social justice. Advised 40+ upper-level students in their interdisciplinary self-directed studies and 20 final-year students in crafting and implementing year-long capstone projects, in a mentor-mentee relationship.

Partnership for Policy Integrity, Pelham, MA September 2012 - September 2014

Attorney: Engaged in environmental litigation, policy work and advocacy challenging the development of woody biomass power in the U.S., as detrimental to global warming policy and forest ecosystems. Provided legal assistance to larger environmental non-profits and community groups neighboring individual power plants. Submitted comments on state and federal biomass-related legislation.

Project for Energy Accountability (EcoLaw), Cambridge, MA January 2013 - June 2013

Associate Attorney: Assisted community group in watchdogging Entergy's Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station located in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Focused on proposed construction of Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) in the town and related risks.

The Sierra Club Environmental Law Program, San Francisco, CA September - December 2011

Legal Intern: Performed legal and factual research supporting national environmental litigation and advocacy. Wrote internal legal memoranda related to ongoing cases and Club interests.

United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. March - June 2011
Environment and Natural Resources Division
Environmental Enforcement Section

Law Clerk: Performed legal research supporting 15+ trial attorneys in litigation and negotiation in cases enforcing major federal environmental laws. Communicated with EPA staff. Wrote legal memoranda and drafted pleadings. Conducted document review for BP oil spill litigation.

Conservation Law Foundation, Boston, MA September - November 2010

Legal Intern: Performed legal and factual research on environmental law claims, supporting attorneys in litigation, policy development and collaboration with community partners. Research areas included public transportation justice, 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 immigration matters, often using translation services.

Massachusetts Superior Court, Woburn, MA and Lawrence, MA June - August 2009
The Honorable Leila Kern

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.

Kaplan, Friedman and Associates, Boston, MA June 2007 - July 2008
(Formerly Kaplan, O'Sullivan and Friedman, LLP)

Immigration Paralegal: Performed document and case preparation in family and employment-based immigration cases, with a docket of 40-60 clients year-round. 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.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Earthdance Creative Living Project Board of Directors - served on the Board of Directors 2012 – 2015, including one year as Board President.