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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

VERMONT LAW SCHOOL ENERGY CLINIC, South Royalton, VT
Staff Attorney and Assistant Professor, August 2016 - Present

Supervise students in their provision of law and policy services to clients and project partners pursuing socially equitable and environmentally sound renewable energy solutions. Teach energy law and policy, and lawyering skills in the clinic seminar.

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE, Montpelier, VT
Staff Attorney II, March 2015 – July 2016

Represented the Department of Public Service in Public Utility Commission proceedings, including certificate of public good proceedings relating to renewable energy facilities in Vermont, and electric utility rate cases. Responsibilities included analyzing petitions for compliance with state law and administrative rules, developing legal argument and litigation strategy, drafting legal opinions, presenting oral arguments before the PUC, communicating with external stakeholders, participating in alternative dispute resolution, preparing and presenting an overview of the regulatory process to various stakeholder groups.

INSTITUTE FOR ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT, VERMONT LAW SCHOOL, South Royalton, VT
Global Energy Fellow & Senior Researcher, January 2013 – December 2014

Project Leader, Department of Energy SunShot Initiative Plug & Play Project

Analyzed the codes, standards, policies, and regulatory requirements applicable to residential rooftop solar PV in the United States and identified key opportunities for, and barriers and solutions to, the commercialization of a plug and play rooftop solar PV module; produced written reports and presented findings to Plug and Play partners; supervised and mentored student researchers.

Joint Team Leader: Community Energy Project

Supervised and mentored student researchers conducting case studies on community solar projects in Vermont to extract lessons learned and best practices from an environmental, financial, and governance perspective.

Researcher: Smart Grid

Researched opportunities for, and challenges to, smart grid technologies from an environmental, economic, and energy security perspective; co-authored a paper outlining research findings and their implications for energy decision making; presented the findings to a conference at the Australian National University, Canberra, Australia in March 2014.

Researcher: On-Farm Biodiesel

Researched and coauthored a report on legal and regulatory issues associated with on-farm biodiesel production in Vermont.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES LAW CLINIC, VERMONT LAW SCHOOL, South Royalton, VT
Student Clinician, January 2013 – April 2013

Researched and drafted briefs for environmental litigation relating to coal and rail developments; researched and advised on green-marketing laws and regulations relating to renewable energy generation.

DAWSON HARFORD AND PARTNERS, Auckland, New Zealand
Solicitor, Corporate and Commercial Law, June 2009 – July 2012

Advised corporate clients on a range of corporate and commercial matters, including organizational structures, formation and governance; reporting and compliance under companies and securities legislation and stock exchange listing rules; and Trans-Tasman share acquisitions. Drafted a range of corporate documents including shareholder agreements, joint venture agreements, company constitutions, company resolutions, and memoranda of understanding. Drafted and reviewed commercial agreements including geothermal steam supply agreements, animal pharmaceutical toll manufacturing agreements, debt instruments, sale and purchase agreements, easements, and commercial leases. Advised Maori Iwi groups on Treaty of Waitangi issues, trust governance, and commercial forestry and geothermal issues.

NEW ZEALAND COMMERCE COMMISSION, Wellington, New Zealand
Legal Counsel – Competition Law, February 2006 – July 2007
Legal Advisor – Competition Law, January 2005 – February 2006

Analyzed and advised Commission staff and Commissioners on legal aspects of anti-trust investigations, the scope of the Commission's administrative and statutory powers, and the Commission's information disclosure obligations. Assisted with the development and communication of Commission policies. Assisted with major Commission litigation, including identifying causes of action, drafting court documents, negotiating settlement agreements, and legal research.

COURT OF APPEAL OF NEW ZEALAND, Wellington, New Zealand
Judicial Clerkship, June 2004 – January 2005

Judge's clerk to the late Honourable Sir Justice Chambers. Key responsibilities included legal research and analysis, writing memoranda on points of law, reviewing counsel's submissions, and assisting the judge to produce judgments.

SIMPSON WESTERN LAWYERS, Auckland, New Zealand
Summer Law Clerk, December 2004 – February 2005

Assisted senior staff with legal research and drafted a range of property law documents including leases, trusts instruments, and wills.

BAR ADMISSION

Vermont, June 2015.
Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand, February 2006.

EDUCATION

VERMONT LAW SCHOOL, South Royalton, VT
LLM American Legal Studies, *summa cum laude* – May 2014
LLM Environmental Law, *summa cum laude* – October 2013
– Spencer Mason Travelling Scholarship in Law, July 2012
– Global Energy Fellowship, Vermont Law School, January 2013 – October 2014
– Academic Excellence Award in Contracts, Fall 2013
– Academic Excellence Award in Advanced Energy Writing Seminar, Spring 2013

UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND, Auckland, New Zealand
Bachelor of Laws (LLB), with honors – September 2004
Bachelor of Arts, Japanese major, economics minor – September 2004
– Senior Prize in Japanese, 2003

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Oliver, J and Sovacool, BK. "The Energy Trilemma and the Smart Grid: Implications Beyond the United States," *Asia and the Pacific Policy Studies* 4(1) (January, 2017), pp 70-84.
- Moderator, Vermont Journal of Environmental Law Symposium on the Energy Transition, October 20, 2017.
- Panelist, "Beyond the Traditional Client/Attorney Paradigm: Modeling Professional Responsibility in an Increasingly complex Ethical World," Midwest Clinical Legal Education Conference, University of Kansas School of Law, Lawrence, KS, October 14, 2017.
- Moderator, 8th Annual Colloquium on Environmental Scholarship, Vermont Law School, September 23, 2017.
- Panelist, *Vermont's New Net Metering Rule*, Vermont Bar Association, Montpelier, VT, June 13, 2017.