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Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Education:

J.D., New York University School of Law, 1983
M.F.S. (Master of Forest Science), Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies, 1980
B.A. in History, Yale College, 1977

Present Employment:

President & Dean, Professor of Law, Vermont Law School, South Royalton, Vermont 2017-present

Former Employment:

Partner, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, Los Angeles, California, 1999-2017 (Environmental regulatory and administrative law practice with specializations in air quality, hazardous waste management, environmental transactions, land use and energy)
Partner, Weston Benshoof, Los Angeles, California (now Alston & Bird), 1993-1999, Associate 1987-1993.

Clerkship and Bar Admissions:

Clerk to U.S. District Court Chief Judge Lawrence K. Karlton, Eastern District of California, 1984-86

Admitted to practice in New York (1983) and California (1987)

Present Board Memberships:

Chair, Association of Vermont Independent Colleges, 2020-21
Executive Committee, Vermont Business Roundtable, 2019-2021
Chair, Leadership Council, Yale School of the Environment, 2015 to present
Co-Chair, Nominating Committee, Board Member, National Forest Foundation, 2016 to present
Vice-Chair, Roberts Environmental Center, Claremont McKenna College, 2016 to present
Board Member, Center for Large Landscape Conservation, Bozeman, Montana, 2012 to present

International Employment and Consulting:

Legal Consultant on environmental and natural resources legislation in People's Republic of China, Laos, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Namibia

Legal Consultant, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, on forestry, wildlife and national parks legislation (West Africa and the Caribbean), 1986-7

Research Fellow, National Park Department of the Republic of China, Taiwan, 1983-4

Teaching:

Vermont Law School: Water Quality, New Frontiers in Environmental Law & Policy, Forest Law & Policy, 2017-2020

Visiting Associate Professor of Government, Claremont McKenna College, 1992-present (Environmental Law & Policy, American Conservation History, Environmental Leadership)

Summer Faculty, Vermont Law School, 2013-present (Environmental Business Transactions, Comparative U.S./France Land Use Law)

Visiting Lecturer, New York University, Undergraduate Seminar, History of American Conservation, 1983

Teaching Assistant, Introductory Environmental Studies class for Undergraduates, Yale College, 1979 and 1980

Language Arts Assistant Teacher, Hayden Goodwill Inn School for Boys, Dorchester, Massachusetts, 1977-78

Tutor-Counselor and Assistant Teacher, Upward Bound Program, Summer 1973-74, 1978, Groton School, Groton, Massachusetts, 1974, Berea College, Berea, Kentucky

Bar and Government Activities:

California State Bar, Environmental Section, Executive Committee (2011-2014, Advisor 2014-present)

South Coast Air Quality Management District, Air Quality Management Plan Advisory Group (ongoing) (LA Chamber of Commerce Appointee) 2015-16

California EPA Blue Ribbon Commission for a Unified Environmental Statute

California Department of Toxic Substances Control California Environmental Quality Act Guidance Advisory Committee

California Department of Toxic Substances Control Regulatory Structure Update, Fee Reform and Site Mitigation Update Committees

Environmental and Consumer Sources Work Group of the California Strategic Planning Project to Eliminate Lead Poisoning

California Department of Toxic Substances Control External Advisory Group (Co-Chair)

California Department of Toxic Substances Control Performance Review Panel

Advisor California Department of Toxic Substances Control Permit Review process.

City of Los Angeles Citizens Advisory Committee for the Northeast Area Plan

Non-Profit and Community Service:

Connecticut Fund for the Environment (Board of Directors, 1985-1990)

California Waste Association (1989-1998, Past President)

California State Parks Foundation (1999-2010, Chair, Nominating Committee, 2002-6)

Environmental Compliance Support Association (1991-1996)

L.A. 2000 Partnership Growth Management Committee (1989-1991)

Natural Heritage Institute (1994-2004, Board Chairman 1997-2000)

Wildlife Trust (1983-2002, Board President 1997-2001)

Santa Lucia Conservancy (1999-present, Board Secretary 2005-present)

Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies (Chair, Sand County Society 2005-2012, Chair, Annual Fund 2009-2012, Environmental Leadership Council (Member 2002-present, Co-Chair 2012-present)

Wolf Fund Advisory Board (1989-1995)

Wildlife Conservation Society, Northern Rockies Council (2007-2012)

Roberts Environmental Center, Claremont McKenna College (Member 2003-present, Vice-Chair 2013-present)

Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce (2002-present, Chair, Environmental Committee, 2005 & 2011-13, Executive Committee, 2005-present)

Flintridge Preparatory School, Board of Trustees (2008-2014, Chair, Personnel Committee 2010-2014)

Center for Large Landscape Conservation (Vice-President, 2010-present)

Council on Watershed Health (2014-present, Vice-President 2016 to present)

National Forest Foundation Board (2016 to present)

Vice-Chair, Environmental Committee, Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce (Chair, 2012-15, presently Co-Chair)

Community Affairs and Pro Bono Committee, Gibson Dunn Los Angeles Office (2001-12)

Presentations:

Moderator, Fireside Talk, State Bar Environmental Conference in Yosemite: "*Clem Shute and the Development of California Environmental Law*," (10/24/15)

"*California Environmental Law Developments*," California Resource Management Association Vision 2016 Conference (11/4/15)

Moderator, Yale Environmental Summit on Sustainability, "*Water Issues and Innovations*" (11/6/15)

“Overview of U.S. Hazardous Waste Recycling and Management Law,” Role of Environmental Law in Achieving Sustainable Development Goals, Delhi, India, March 3-6, 2016

“CERCLA Bona Fide Prospective Purchaser Defense,” Strafford Webinar (3/23/16)

“Privilege and Environmental Auditing,” Strafford Webinar (4/6/16)

“Administrative Advocacy for Air Water and Waste Issues,” Moderator, LA County Bar Association Environmental Law Section Spring Symposium (4/8/16)

“Conservation Easement Amendments,” Strafford Webinar (5/18/16 and 9/21/16)

“Conducting Effective Environmental Diligence,” LA County Bar Association Symposium, (11/4/16)

Pro Bono Representation (examples):

American Rivers (amicus curiae briefing in water rights case before the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court)

Plumas Conservation Council (administrative appeal of the Plumas National Forest Management Plan)

Amargosa and Death Valley Conservancies (non-profit formation and acquisition of critical habitat and historic properties)

Tejon Ranch Conservancy which will eventually administer more than 200,000 acres of conservation easements.

Languages:

French (conversational and reading)

Spanish & Chinese (limited)

References upon Request