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**ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

**January 1994 to the present:**

**Professor of Law (1999-present) and Associate Professor (1994-1999), University of Maryland School of Law**

**Overall Responsibilities**

Responsible for teaching courses regarding administrative law, the regulatory system, environmental law and science, a survey of environmental law, and first-year legal methods and contracts.

**May 2003 to present**

**Founder, Member of the Board, and President (beginning January 1, 2008)  
Center for Progressive Reform**

CPR is an organization of academics specializing in the legal, economic, and scientific issues that surround federal regulation. The Center's web site is [www.progressiveregulation.org](http://www.progressiveregulation.org).

**July 2001 to July 2002 (sabbatical year):**

**Academic Fellow, Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)**

Fellow in residence to assist NRDC in responding to proposals to (1) reinvent environmental regulation, from the increased consideration of "sound" science in agency decision-making to the substitution of "cap and trade" systems for traditional pollution controls and (2) advocate for transparent and open government in the context of the Homeland Security Act's critical infrastructure information provisions.

**1996-1998:**

**Project Manager, Development of a Curriculum to Teach Scientific Principles Involved in Risk Assessment to Lay Environmental Professionals.**

The curriculum was developed in collaboration with Dr. Linda Greer, who heads the public health program at the Natural Resources Defense Council with the goal

of teaching science to lay people active in environmental decision making. It offers 30 hours of instruction and consists of nine lectures covering (1) chemicals in the environment; (2) chemical fate and transport; (3) assessing chemical releases; (4) fate and transport models; (5) consequence assessment through toxicology; (6) consequence assessment through epidemiology; (7) consequence assessment through ecotoxicology; (8) risk assessment; and (9) pollution control. Each lecture culminates with a class exercise that applies the scientific concepts learned in each lecture to a single, recurring scenario involving the remediation of a brownfields site.

**1998-1999:****Reporter, U.S. EPA Title VI Implementation Advisory Committee.**

Author of a report explaining the deliberations of this subcommittee of "stakeholders" concerned about the application of federal prohibitions on discrimination to environmental permitting decisions.

**PRACTICAL EMPLOYMENT****1987 to 1994:****Partner (1989 to 1994) and of counsel (1987 to 1989, and 1994), Spiegel and McDiarmid, Washington, D.C.**

Partner in charge of the environmental practice for a 45-lawyer firm representing approximately 400 cities, counties, states, and public agencies in the energy, environmental, communications, and transportation fields. The practice counseled federal, state, and municipal clients regarding compliance with federal and state laws and regulations and represented them in resolving federal enforcement actions, as well as cases alleging their liability under the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA or Superfund).

**1983 to 1987:****Staff Counsel, Subcommittee on Commerce, Transportation, and Tourism of the Energy and Commerce Committee, U.S. House of Representatives (James J. Florio, Chairman).**

Primary staff person responsible for legislation that became the "Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986" (Public Law 99-499) and the "Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act" (Public Law 99-519). Also prepared legislation to reauthorize the Toxic Substances Control Act during the 98th Congress. Responsibilities included drafting bills, Committee reports, other legislative history, and legal and policy memoranda; advising the Subcommittee

chairman and other members during Committee mark-ups, floor debate, and Conference deliberations; staffing legislative and oversight hearings; speechwriting and press relations.

**1979 to 1983:**

**Attorney Advisor to Commissioner Patricia P. Bailey, Federal Trade Commission.**

Senior legal advisor to the Commissioner concerning consumer protection matters including the issuance of complaints, acceptance of consent agreements, and the disposition of trade regulation rules. Drafted opinions resolving administrative litigation. Served as legislative liaison during congressional consideration of bills to eliminate the FTC's antitrust jurisdiction over the medical professions; legislative veto of the Used Car Rule; and oversight of the FTC's implementation of its consumer protection authority.

**1979:**

**Assistant to the Director, Albert H. Kramer, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission.**

Assisted the bureau director in supervising the work of staff attorneys and formulating recommendations to the Commission concerning trade regulation rules and enforcement cases. Areas of expertise included credit practices, appliance labeling, funeral industry practices, and advertising practices. Served as legislative liaison during congressional oversight of the FTC's implementation of its consumer protection authority.

**1976 to 1979:**

**Staff Attorney, Division of Credit Practices, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission.**

Enforcement attorney in cases involving credit and insurance industry members' practices covered by the Federal Trade Commission Act, the Truth in Lending Act, the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, and the Fair Credit Reporting Act.

**EDUCATION**

Columbia Law School, New York City, New York  
J.D. received in May 1976  
Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar 1974-1976

University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin  
B.A. in European history, with honors, June 1971

**ADMITTED TO PRACTICE**

Maryland  
District of Columbia

**SERVICE**

**2002-present:** President (2009-present) and board member, Center for Progressive Reform ([www.progressivereform.org](http://www.progressivereform.org))

**2006 to 2008:** Board member, Potomac Riverkeeper

**1999 to present:** Chair (1999-2001, 2010-2012) and member, University of Maryland Law School Curriculum Committee

**1998 to 2001:** Member, Steering Committee, District of Columbia Bar, Section on Energy, Natural Resources, and the Environment.

**1998 to 2001:** Member, Environment Section Steering Committee, American Association of Law Schools.

**1994 to 1999:** Member, University of Maryland Law School Appointments Committee

**PUBLICATIONS****Books**

THE PEOPLE'S AGENTS AND THE BATTLE TO PROTECT THE AMERICAN PUBLIC, SPECIAL INTERESTS, GOVERNMENT, AND THREATS TO HEALTH, SAFETY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT (2010) (with Sidney Shapiro)

MOTHER EARTH AND UNCLE SAM: HOW POLLUTION AND HOLLOW GOVERNMENT HURT OUR KIDS (2007)

RESCUING SCIENCE FROM POLITICS: REGULATION AND THE DISTORTION OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (Wendy Wagner & Rena Steinzor eds., 2006)

A NEW PROGRESSIVE AGENDA FOR PROTECTING PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT (Christopher Schroeder & Rena Steinzor eds., 2004)

**Articles**

*The End Game of Deregulation: Myopic Risk Management and the Next Catastrophe*, 23 DUKE ENVTL. L. & POLICY FORUM 93 (2013) (with Thomas McGarity)

*Collaborating to Nowhere: The Imperative of Government Accountability for Restoring the Chesapeake Bay*, GEO. WASH. J. OF ENERGY & ENVTL. L. (Winter 2013) (with Shana Jones)

*The Age of Greed and the Sabotage of Regulation*, 47 WAKE FOREST L. REV. 503 (Fall 2012)

*The Case for Abolishing Centralized White House Regulatory Review*, 1 MICH. J. OF ENVTL. & ADMIN. L. 209 (Spring 2012)

*Evaluating Rules and How We Measure Their Effects*, 29 ENVTL. F. 36 (2012) (with Michael Patoka)

*Lessons from the North Sea: Should "Safety Cases" Come to America?*, 38 B. C. ENVTL. AFF. L. REV. 417 (2011)

*The Truth About Regulation*, 5 HARV. L. & POL'Y REV. 323 (2011)

*Too Big to Obey: Why BP Should Be Debarred*, 36 WILLIAM & MARY ENVTL. L. & POL'Y REV. 81(2011) (with Anne Havemann)

*High Crimes, not Misdemeanors: Deterring the Production of Unsafe Food*, 20 HEALTH MATRIX 175 (2010)

*The Constitution and Our Debt to the Future*, in BEYOND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW: POLICY PROPOSALS FOR A BETTER ENVIRONMENTAL FUTURE (Alyson Flournoy & David Driesen eds., 2010)

*Capture, Accountability, and Regulatory Metrics*, 86 TEX. L. REV. 1741 (2008) (with Sidney A. Shapiro)

*Will Superfund Rise Again?*, 23 ENVTL. F. 28 (2007)

*The People's Agent: Executive Branch Secrecy and Accountability in an Age of Terrorism*, 69 DUKE J. L. & CONTEMP. PROBS. 99 (2006) (with Sidney Shapiro)

*The Legacy of John Graham: Strait-Jacketing Risk Assessment*, RISK POL'Y ALERT, May 23, 2006

*A Perfect Storm: Mercury and the Bush Administration, Part II*, 34 ENVTL. L. REP. 10,485 (2004) (with Lisa Heinzerling)

*A Perfect Storm: Mercury and the Bush Administration*, 34 ENVTL. L. REP. 10,297 (2004) (with Lisa Heinzerling)

*Pragmatic Regulation in Dangerous Times: A review of Sidney A. Shapiro and Robert L. Glicksman*, Risk Regulation at Risk, Restoring a Pragmatic Approach, 20 YALE J. ON REG. 407 (2003)

*"Democracy Dies Behind Closed Doors:" The Homeland Security Act and Corporate Accountability*, 12 KAN. J.L. & PUB. POL'Y 641 (2003)

*The Unplanned Obsolescence of American Legal Education*, 75 TEMP. L. REV. 447 (2002) (with Alan D. Hornstein)

*Toward Better Bubbles and Future Lives: A Progressive Response to the Conservative Agenda for Reforming Environmental Law*, 32 ENVTL. L. REP. 11,421 (2002)

*"You Just Understand!"—The Right and Left in Conversation*, 32 ENVTL. L. REP. 11,109 (2002)

*Bad Science*, ENVTL. F., Jan./Feb. 2002, at 28 (with Linda Greer).

*EPA and Its Sisters at Thirty: Devolution, Revolution, or Reform?*, 31 ENVTL. L. REP. 11,086 (2001)

*Myths of the Reinvented State*, 29 CAP. U. L. REV. 223 (2001)

*The Corruption of Civic Environmentalism*, 30 ENVTL. L. REP. 10,909 (2000)

*Devolution and the Public Health*, 24 HARV. ENVTL. L. REV. 351 (2000).

*Reinventing Environmental Regulation Through the Government Performance and Results Act: Are the States Ready for the Devolution?*, 29 ENVTL. L. REP. 10,074 (1999)

*The Legislation of Unintended Consequences*, 9 DUKE ENVTL. L. & POL'Y F. 95 (1998)

*Reinventing Environmental Regulation via the Government Performance and Results Act: Where's the Money?*, 28 ENVTL. L. REP. 10, 563 (1998) (with William F. Piermattei)

*Reinventing Environmental Regulation: Back to the Past by Way of the Future*, 28 ENVTL. L. REP. 10,361 (1998)

*Reinventing Environmental Regulation: The Dangerous Journey from Command to Self-control*, 22 HARV. ENVTL. L. REV. 103 (1998)

*In Defense of the Superfund Liability System: Matching the Diagnosis and the Cure*, 27 ENVTL. L. REP. 10,286 (1997) (with Dr. Linda Greer)

*Regulatory Reinvention and Project XL: Does the Emperor Have Any Clothes?*, 26 ENVTL. L. REP. 10,527 (1996)

*Unfunded Environmental Mandates and the "New (New) Federalism": Devolution, Revolution, or Reform*, 81 MINN. L. REV. 97 (1996)

*The Reauthorization of Superfund: Can the Deal of the Century Be Saved?*, 25 ENVTL. L. REP. 10,016 (1995)

*The Reauthorization of Superfund: The Public Works Alternative*, 25 ENVTL. L. REP. 10,078 (1995)

### **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS (2006-present)**

Testimony, "Energy Consumers Relief Act of 2013," Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, April 12, 2012

Testimony, "Evaluating the Science and Process behind Chemical Risk Assessment," Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, July 14, 2011

Testimony, "The American Energy Initiative Transparency in Regulatory Analysis of Impacts on the Nation Act of 2011," Committee on Energy & Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy & Power, April 8, 2011

Testimony, "Environmental Regulation, the Economy, and Jobs," House of Representatives: Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and Economics, Washington, D.C. (February 15, 2011)

Interview, “It’s a Free Country, “Obama’s New Stance on Competitiveness and Regulation.”  
WNYC (January 24, 2011)

Panelist, “EPA Ruling the World: the 800-pound Gorilla?,” Federalist Society National Lawyers’  
Convention, Washington, DC (November 20, 2010)

Panelist, “Lessons from the North Sea,” Conference on Learning from Disaster: Lessons for the  
Future from the Gulf of Mexico Environmental Affairs Law Review Symposium Boston College  
School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts (November 12, 2010)

Participant, with conservative John Baden, in a debate: “Why People Need Government”,  
Federalist Society, George Mason University, Arlington, VA (September 28, 2010)

Guest Lecturer, “Saving Science from Politics”, Georgetown University Medical School,  
Department of Microbiology, Presentation to Class of Masters in Science Students enrolled in  
Multidisciplinary Course, Washington, DC (September 14, 2010)

Panelist, “Regulatory Change under the Obama Administration,” Regulatory Changes in the  
Environmental Sector, American University Washington College of Law Conference,  
Washington, DC (February 16, 2010)

Panelist, “Obama’s Regulatory Agenda: A One-Year Retrospective,” Penn Program on Regulation,  
University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (January 26, 2010)

Panelist, “In Search of Impartial Science: An Agenda for the New EPA,” Environmental Law  
Institute, Washington, DC (October 6, 2009)

Testimony, “The Role of Science in Regulatory Reform,” Hearing before the U.S. House of  
Representatives Science and Technology Committee Subcommittee on Oversight and  
Investigations, Washington, DC (April 30, 2009)

Participant, Research Roundtable on Environmental, Health, and Safety Risks of Emerging  
Technologies, Searle Center on Law, Regulation, and Economic Growth, Northwestern  
University School of Law, Chicago, Illinois (April 23-24, 2009)

Keynote Address on “The Rebirth of Environmentalism,” Public Interest Environmental Law  
Conference, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida (February 27, 2009)

Panelist, “Government Performance and Results Act, Regulatory Metrics, and Government  
Accountability,” 2008 ABA Administrative Law Conference, Washington, DC (October 17,  
2008)

Presenter, “Capture, Accountability, and Positive Metrics,” (written with Professor Sidney  
Shapiro, Wake Forest Law School), Texas Law Review Symposium on Harnessing Information,  
Austin, Texas (February 1, 2008)

Speaker, National Academies Committee on Science, Engineering, and Public Policy Committee on Ensuring the Utility and Integrity of Research Data, Washington, DC (December 10, 2007)

Speaker, "Rescuing Science from Politics," Oxford Marine Laboratory, Oxford, Maryland (October 25, 2007)

Speaker, "Rescuing Science from Politics," Chesapeake Biological Laboratory (May 23, 2007)

Speaker, "Rescuing Science from Politics: The 'Sound Science' Assault and What It Means to You," Manta Noon Seminar, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, University of Maryland College Park, (December 14, 2006)

Speaker, "In Fairness to Future Generations," University of Florida Levin College of Law Twelfth Annual Public Interest Environmental Conference, Gainesville, Florida (March 11, 2006)