

## CURRICULUM VITAE

SUSAN JANE MCKIBBEN BROWN, ESQ.



**EXPERIENCE** WESTERN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CENTER, Portland, OR.  
Wildlands Program Director & Staff Attorney. March 2009 – November 2022.  
Senior Staff Attorney. November 2022 – Present.  
Litigating issues affecting listed species and public lands in the Pacific Northwest and across the broader western landscape for nonprofit conservation organizations. Docket includes cases involving the National Environmental Policy Act, National Forest Management Act, Federal Land Policy and Management Act, Oregon and California Lands Act, Endangered Species Act, Natural Gas Act, Administrative Procedure Act, and others. Analyzing regional and national political developments that affect natural resources and public lands management, and developing proactive responses to protect client interests. Leading collaborative organizations focused on science-based forest restoration and management.

LEWIS AND CLARK LAW SCHOOL, Portland, OR.  
Clinical Professor of Law, Adjunct Professor, “Forest Law and Policy.” Spring 2005 – February 2007; Spring 2009 – Present.  
Created the initial framework for a course that covers the historical, legal, and policy debate surrounding our national forest heritage. Leading discussions among students and forest activists, lawyers, community foresters, congressional staff, industry representatives, members of the media, and political appointees to help upper division law students fully understand the many aspects of modern forest management. Classes include a semester-long simulation of real-world situations that require students to draw on lectures, law, and policy choices in order to complete written assignments.

OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN PETER A. DEFazio, Washington, DC.  
Natural Resources Counsel. February 2007 – December 2008.  
Represented progressive Member of Congress on a portfolio of issues including public lands, environmental, natural resources, agricultural, tribal, and related topics. Conducted legal research on, and drafting of, proposed and introduced legislation. Worked with other Members of Congress and their staffs, as well as staff of the House Natural Resources Committee, to enact protective natural resources legislation. Engaged with constituents on portfolio issues.

PACIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY CENTER, Portland, OR.  
Staff Attorney. June 2003 – February 2007.  
Developed and implemented comprehensive natural resources and endangered species litigation strategy affecting public lands in the Pacific Northwest in a clinical environment involving law students at Northwestern School of Law of Lewis & Clark College. Analyzed and integrated current political agenda into docket. Legal representation for grassroots nonprofit conservation organizations on entirely a *pro bono* basis. Created additional funding mechanisms for litigation program.



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GIFFORD PINCHOT TASK FORCE, Vancouver, WA.

Executive Director. May 2000 – June 2003.

Led a comprehensive, cohesive, and mutually beneficial collaborative strategy among environmentalists, citizens, and public officials focusing on sustainable uses of public forest lands in southwest Washington State. Developed dependable and diverse funding strategies through grant writing and membership, growing the operational budget from less than \$20,000 to \$600,000 per year. Established positive relationships with communities affected by the shift from resource extraction to ecosystem preservation on public lands. Monitored land management projects on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. Educated elected officials both locally and in Washington, DC.

### ARTICLES

*Striking the Balance: The Tale of Eight Ninth Circuit Timber Sale Cases*, 29 ENVTL. L. 639 (1999); *"The Forest Must Come First: Gifford Pinchot's Conservation Ethic and the Gifford Pinchot National Forest – The Ideal and the Reality"*, 11 FORDHAM ENVTL. L.J. 137 (2000); *"Green Gold: Securing Protection for Roadless Areas on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest"*, 8 U. BALT. J. ENVTL. L. 1 (2000); and *David and Goliath: Reformulating the Definition of "The Public Interest" and the Future of Land Swaps After the Interstate 90 Land Exchange*, 15 J. ENVT. L. & LIT. 235 (2000); *The Oregon and California Lands Act: Revisiting the Concept of "Dominant Use,"* 21 J. ENVTL. L. & LITIG. 259 (2007); *Preliminary Injunctive Relief in the Ninth Circuit after Winter v. Natural Resources Defense Council*, 37 ECOLOGY L. Q. 78 (2010); *A Case Study for the Implementation of Recovery Plans to Conserve Listed Species*, 30 NAT. RESOURCES & ENV'T 18 (2016); *The Forest Service's 2012 Planning Rule and its Implementation: Federal Advisory Committee Member Perspectives*, in 117 J. FORESTRY 69-70 (2019); *Making Forest Planning Great Again? Early Implementation of the Forest Service's 2012 Planning Rule*, 33 NAT. RESOURCES & ENV'T 3 (2019); *A Blueprint for National Forest Management in the Biden Administration*, [AM. BAR ASS'N, SECTION ON ENV'T, ENERGY, AND RES.](#) (April 12, 2021); *The World's Largest Ecosystem Management Plan: The Northwest Forest Plan After a Quarter-Century*, 52 ENVTL. L. 151 (2022).

### CHAPTERS & BOOKS

*Vicious Cycle: Programmatic Consultation on Northern Spotted Owls in the Pacific Northwest*, in *FOREST FUTURES: SCIENCE, POLITICS, AND POLICY FOR THE NEXT CENTURY* 174 (Karen Arabas and Joe Bowersox, eds. 2004); *Commentary on Science and Adaptive Management in Collaborative Restoration*, in *A NEW ERA FOR COLLABORATIVE FOREST MANAGEMENT* 154 (William H. Butler and Courtney A. Schultz, eds. 2019); Franklin et al., *THE MAKING OF THE NORTHWEST FOREST PLAN: THE WILD SCIENCE OF SAVING OLD GROWTH ECOSYSTEMS* (2023).

### SPEECHES

Keynote speaker or panel member and presenter at various conferences including the Public Interest Environmental Law Conference; Headwaters Conference; Western Washington Forest Conference; Forest Futures: Science, Politics, and Policy for the Next Century; Society of American Foresters; and Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, among others. Invited witness before relevant Congressional committees of jurisdiction. Topics of discussion included federal forest management, wildfire policy, land exchanges, collaboration, land management planning, collaborative forest restoration, and natural resource laws.



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### *AWARDS*

*Best Oralist*, First Year Oral Argument Competition, Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark College (1998); *Bernard O'Rourke Award for Environmental Scholarship* (2000); *Cornelius Honor Society* (2000); *Bridgebuilder Award*, Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition (2012); *Outstanding Conservation Leadership Award*, Wilburforce Foundation (2019); *Annual Leadership Award*, Oregon State Bar Environmental and Natural Resources Section (2020).

### *EDUCATION*

NORTHWESTERN SCHOOL OF LAW OF LEWIS AND CLARK COLLEGE. Portland, OR.  
Juris Doctorate and Certificate in Environmental and Natural Resources Law, May 2000.

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, *NINTH CIRCUIT ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW*, Editor.

INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, Research Assistant.

Researched and prepared briefs on issues of global significance for Professor  
Chris Wold, Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark College.

LEWIS AND CLARK FEDERALIST SOCIETY, President, 1998-1999.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY. Nashville, TN.

Bachelor of Arts in English and Political Science, *cum laude*, May 1997.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY DEBATE TEAM, Member. 1993-1997.

DEAN'S LIST, spring 1996-spring 1997.

PI SIGMA ALPHA, Member.

### *VOLUNTEER*

#### *EXPERIENCE*

COLLABORATIVE FOREST LANDSCAPE RESTORATION PROGRAM FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.  
Member, 2022 – Present.

Evaluating, supporting, and providing recommendations on the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program and Projects to the Secretary of Agriculture.

STATE OF OREGON WILDFIRE PROGRAMS ADVISORY COUNCIL.

Member, 2021 – Present.

Advising State departments and agencies on the implementation of Senate Bill 762, designed to create fire-adapted communities, resilient landscapes, and ensure a safe and effective wildfire response in the State of Oregon.

STATE OF OREGON 20-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN FOR WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION WORKGROUP.

Member, 2022 – Present.

Working collaboratively with stakeholders and State departments and agencies to develop Oregon's 20-Year Strategic Plan to implement the Shared Stewardship Memorandum of Understanding between the State and United States Forest Service to create fire-adapted communities and resilient landscapes.

SECTION ON ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, AND RESOURCES OF THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION.

Section Articles Chair, 2021 – Present.

Coordinating the solicitation and publication of articles for 27 committees of the American Bar Association's Section on Environment, Energy, and Resources.



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FOREST RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF THE SECTION ON ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, AND RESOURCES OF THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION.

Committee Articles Chair, 2020 – Present.

Soliciting and publishing articles on topics relevant to the Forest Resources Committee and the broader Section membership.

MITIGATION COMMITTEE OF THE OREGON GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON WILDFIRE RESPONSE.

Member, 2019.

Developed policy and investment recommendations regarding increasing the pace, scale, and quality of forest restoration in Oregon with the purpose of reducing wildfire risk to landscapes and communities.

NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LAND MANAGEMENT PLANNING RULE.

Appointed Member, 2012 – 2018; Co-Chair, 2015 – 2016.

Provided advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Chief of the United States Forest Service on implementation of the 2012 National Forest Management Act Land Management Planning Rule, including providing recommendations on: agency Directives related to implementation of the Rule; implementation of the Rule based on lessons learned and best practices; a consistent interpretation of the Rule where ambiguities cause difficulty in implementation of the Rule; effective ongoing monitoring and evaluation, including broadscale monitoring, for implementation of the Rule; fostering an effective ongoing collaborative framework to ensure engagement of federal, state, local and Tribal governments, private organizations and affected interests, the scientific community, and other stakeholders; integrating the land management planning process with landscape scale restoration activities through implementation of the planning rule; and amendments to the 2012 Rule pertaining to the forest plan amendment process.

BLUE MOUNTAINS FOREST PARTNERS, Malheur National Forest, Oregon.

Founding Partner, 2003 – Present; Board Vice-President, 2017 – Present.

Convened and facilitated development of highly successful and regionally-recognized forest collaborative group with the mission of enhancing forest ecosystem health, economic opportunities, and public safety in Grant County, Oregon.

WALLOWA-WHITMAN FOREST COLLABORATIVE/NORTHERN BLUES FOREST COLLABORATIVE, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, Oregon.

Member, 2013 – Present.

Participating with a group of public and private organizations and individuals passionate about working together on large scale management efforts designed to accelerate the pace of restoration and job creation on the Wallowa-Whitman and Umatilla National Forests.

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SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS.

2010 – Present.

Anonymous blind peer reviewer for the Society of American Foresters' JOURNAL OF FORESTRY, the most widely circulated scholarly forestry journal in the world. In print since 1902, the mission of the Journal of Forestry is to advance the profession of forestry by keeping professionals informed about significant developments and ideas in the many facets of forestry: economics, education and communication, entomology and pathology, fire, forest ecology, geospatial technologies, history, international forestry, measurements, policy, recreation, silviculture, social sciences, soils and hydrology, urban and community forestry, utilization and engineering, and wildlife management.

RURAL VOICES FOR CONSERVATION COALITION.

Partner, 2005 – Present.

Participated in Annual Policy Meetings, Western Week in Washington trips, and issue paper preparation by sharing experiences and expertise with collaboration in Oregon and Washington.

PINCHOT PARTNERS, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Washington

Founding Partner, 1999 – 2007.

Convened and facilitated development of collaborative group with the mission of working within the Cispus Adaptive Management Area and surrounding areas to promote policies and projects that create quality local jobs and benefit watershed health on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest.

CLACKAMAS STEWARDSHIP PARTNERS, Mt. Hood National Forest, Oregon.

Founding Partner, 2006 – 2007.

Convened and facilitated development of collaborative group with the mission of enhancing ecosystem health and economic viability of local communities within the Clackamas River Basin on the Mt Hood National Forest. The Clackamas Stewardship Partners are committed to a collaborative process that employs stewardship contracting and other innovative tools to meet restoration goals.

### *COMMUNITY SERVICE*

CASCADE FOREST CONSERVANCY, Vancouver, WA.

Director, 2020 – Present; Vice-President, 2022 – Present.

Providing organizational direction to protect and sustain forests, streams, wildlife, and communities in the heart of Cascades volcano country through conservation, education, and advocacy.

PACIFIC FOREST TRUST, San Francisco, CA.

Director, 2017 – 2020.

Provided organizational direction to forest land trust and its mission to sustain America's forests for their public benefits of wood, water, wildlife, and people's well-being, in cooperation with landowners and communities.



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CASCADIA WILDLANDS, Eugene, OR.

Director, Advisory Board, January 2009 – Present.

Providing mentoring for staff of conservation organization focused on the Cascadia bioregion.

KLAMATH-SISKIYOU WILDLANDS CENTER, Ashland, OR.

Director, Board of Directors. 2005 – 2007, January 2009 – 2015.

Directed organizational planning and Klamath-Siskiyou bioregion conservation programs.

OREGON STATE SOCIETY, Washington, DC.

Director, Board of Directors, 2007 – December 2008.

Assisted in coordinating and implementing programs to bring awareness of Oregon to the Nation's Capitol, and providing a forum for networking among Oregonians and friends of Oregon located in Washington, DC.

WILDLANDS CPR, Missoula, MT.

Vice-President, Board of Directors, 2010 – 2013.

Provided leadership development and program implementation for grassroots organization promoting watershed restoration that improves fish and wildlife habitat, provides clean water and enhances community economies.

BARK, Portland, OR.

President, Board of Directors, 2004 – 2006.

Directed organizational planning and Mt. Hood National Forest conservation programs.

AMERICAN LANDS ALLIANCE, Washington, DC.

President, Board of Directors, 2001 – 2004.

Directed organizational planning and national conservation programs.

NORTHWEST ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE CENTER, Portland, OR.

Director, Board of Directors; Conservation Coordinator, 1999 – 2005.

Expanded environmental advocacy program by compiling legal and administrative materials and developing teaching tools for students, and improved organizational self-sufficiency through additional grant funding.

### *PROFESSIONAL*

*ASSOCIATIONS* Washington State Bar; Oregon State Bar; District Court for the District of Columbia Bar; Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Bar; District of Columbia Court of Appeals Bar; American Bar Association, Section on Environment, Energy, and Resources, Forest Resources Committee.

*INTERESTS* Avid outdoorswoman, journeyer, writer, philosopher, planner, and reader.

*REFERENCES* Available upon request.