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I am a native Floridian born and raised on the Indian River Lagoon ardently dedicated to conservation issues in the state and trained in Florida as an environmental attorney.

BAR ADMISSIONS

The Florida Bar, Member in Good Standing, #0120442.

United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Member in Good Standing.

United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, Member in Good Standing.

EDUCATION

Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, Florida

- *Juris Doctor* with *Certificate of Concentration in Environmental Law*, May 2013; Research Assistant to Professor Paul Boudreaux (Environmental Law); Three Time Winner of the Cacciatore Award in Advocacy (2011/2012/2013). Florida's first law school, founded 1900.

Dalhousie University and University of King's College, Halifax, Nova Scotia

- *Bachelor of Arts with Honors* in *Ecology* and *English*, 2005 (Dalhousie)
- *Bachelor of Arts with Honors* in *Philosophy* and *Ecology* (Eco-phenomenology), 2005 (King's); Thesis: *Ecstatic Ecology: Maurice Merleau-Ponty's Phenomenology of Perception and Ecological Ontology*; Editor of the Journal of Contemporary Philosophy, *Hinge*.

University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

- *Coursework* in *English* and *History*, 2000-2002.

APPOINTMENTS

Committee Member, *Governmental and Public Policy Advocacy Committee, The Florida Bar*, Tallahassee, Florida, *July, 2018 – Present*: Appointed by the President of the Florida Bar to give advice regarding environmental policy and environmental lobbying issues in the state.

Advisory Panelist, *Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council*, Tampa, Florida, *April, 2015 – Present*: Reappointed to a three-year appointment (term beginning 2016) to the council's Coral Advisory Panel, giving scientific and legal advice on marine protected areas for coral in federal waters in the Gulf of Mexico.

Committee Member, *Public Interest Representation Committee, Environmental and Land Use Law Section, The Florida Bar*, Tallahassee, Florida, *June 2019 – Present*: Providing advice to the Section on representing the public interest in the field of environmental law in Florida.

LEGAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Senior Manager and Policy Counsel for Florida Conservation, Ocean Conservancy; St. Petersburg, Florida, *February, 2019 – Present*: I am the senior staff and public face of Ocean Conservancy in Florida,

representing the Washington, D.C. based environmental non-profit organization in front of media, tribunals, and government. Ocean Conservancy uses science to ensure robust ocean and coastal ecosystems remain sustainable in Florida, with a focus on clean and abundant water, thriving wildlife, oil and gas issues, sea level rise and climate change, and hurricane resilience and restoration.

Policy Counsel, Ocean Conservancy, Fish Conservation Program, St. Petersburg, Florida, *August, 2013* – ***Present***: Working primarily on Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act matters, I represented Ocean Conservancy in federal court and at state and federal public fishery management council meetings in the South Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico. I provided written and oral testimony on fishery management matters, sit on panels to inform citizens on fisheries issues, and worked closely with National Marine Fisheries Services counsel as well as legal counsel from other environmental non-governmental organizations to interpret fisheries related legal issues. Representative cases include *Ocean Conservancy v. Ross* (D.D.C. 2018, pending), *Coastal Conservation Assn. v. U.S. Dept. of Com.*, 846 F.3d 99 (5th Cir. 2017), *Coastal Conservation Assn. v. U.S. Dept. of Com.*, CV 15-1300, 2016 WL 54911 (E.D. La. Jan. 5, 2016) (amicus curiae) and *The Fishing Rights All., Inc. v. Pritzker*, 247 F. Supp. 3d 1268 (M.D. Fla. 2017) (amicus curiae).

Law Clerk, Center for Biological Diversity, St. Petersburg, Florida, *January, 2013 – April, 2013*: Conducted legal research and prepared legal memoranda pertaining to the Center's mission to protect nature with specific focus on endangered species, climate change, international environmental issues, oceans, public lands, and urban wildlands.

Law Clerk, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service, St. Petersburg, Florida, *September, 2012 – December, 2012*: Conducted legal research and prepared legal memoranda for the General Counsel Section of the National Marine Fisheries Service for the South Atlantic, Caribbean, and Gulf fisheries. Specific areas of legal research and writing included the Endangered Species Act and the Magnuson-Stevens Act, among others.

Legal Researcher and Writer, National Sea Grant Law Center, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi, *October, 2012 – January, 2013*: Contributed articles to the center's quarterly newsletter, *The SandBar*, focusing on ocean and coastal environmental law issues.

Legal Researcher, Big Cat Rescue, Tampa, Florida, *May, 2012 – August, 2012*: Researched current legal issues in the field of animal law for a non-profit animal welfare organization centered on the salvation of lions, tigers, and other exotic felines.

Law Clerk, Chisholm & Gillies, Barristers and Solicitors, Antigonish, Nova Scotia, *May, 2011 – August, 2011*: Conducted research and prepared legal memoranda for a small law firm specializing in civil and municipal issues and wildlife act violations.

Legal Researcher and Writer, Yesner & Boss, P.L., Tampa, Florida, *November, 2010 – May, 2012*: Prepared legal content and documentation including articles and memoranda on a regular, part time basis averaging 8,000 words per month. Worked autonomously and remotely to meet strict deadlines.

ACTIVITIES, AWARDS, AND INTERESTS

Eagle Scout: Boy Scouts of America Troop 709, Merritt Island Florida; **Memberships**: American Fisheries Society, Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute; **Volunteer**: Equality Florida Project, International Coastal Cleanup, Innocence Initiative, Tampa Bay Watch, Florida Aquarium, Audubon Society, Florida Historical Society, Marine Resources Council; **Interests**: Fishing, hiking, boating, aquarium keeping, birdwatching, Florida naturalist studies.